

The Practice of Church Discipline
1 Corinthians 5:9-13
October 8, 2023

1. What church discipline requires of the church (9-11)

2. What church discipline recognizes regarding the church and the world (12-13)

Next week: Genesis 47:28-50:26

By Steve Sherman, Pastor of Christian Fellowship Church, East Brunswick, NJ.

Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. Tell about a time when you were disciplined. Why was it important for you to be disciplined?
3. What kind of discipline is to be used in the church?
4. When a church member is known to be in sin and will not repent, why is important for the church to discipline him?
5. When a member is removed from a church, the congregation is to stop associating with the person. What does this mean?
6. Should Christians associate with people who do not call themselves Christians? Why or why not?
7. Verse 13 says God judges those outside the church. This statement should instill fear in the unbeliever. Why?
8. Who can belong to the church?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
2. What does this passage teach us about God?
3. Think about everything taught in this chapter. Why are we not to associate with a person who has been removed from the church for their sin?
4. What is the difference between how we are to relate to a person who does not call himself a Christian, and how we are to relate to a person who calls himself a Christian and has been removed from the church for his sin? Why the difference?
5. How do you think the Lord would have you to relate to a person who calls himself a Christian, and voluntarily stopped attending church in the past, and is now living in sin? Does it make a difference if the person is your family member? Explain. Are there any verses outside our text that apply?
6. In the above situation, if you decided not to associate with the so-called Christian because of his sin, what would be important to communicate to him? Why?
7. What is the primary way you should be affected by this sermon this week?