LifeBridge BAPTIST CHURCH

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Worship Service
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Re-Discover the Church

Lesson Four • Galatians 6:1-10

Church Discipline

Do We Really Love One Another?

If we really love one another in the church then we will humbly SHARE responsibility for one another's holiness in our lives.

Galatians 6:1-2

Re-Discover Church Discipline

1. Church Discipline Is BIBLICAL!

Two Kinds of Discipline

- FORMATIVE discipline: continual encouragement to turn from sin and walk with God *(Eph. 4:11-12, Col. 3:16, Heb. 10:24-25).*

- CORRECTIVE discipline: corrective care when we are caught in sin and away from God *(Mt. 18:12-13, Gal. 6:1).*

What Is Church Discipline?

In a broad sense, it is CORRECTING someone in sin and in a narrow sense, it is REMOVING someone from membership in the church and participation in the Lord's Supper for serious, verifiable, unrepentant sin.

What Is the Goal of Church Discipline?

The goal is to encourage REPENTANCE of sin for the purpose of reconciliation or restoration.

2 Corinthians 7:9-11

Jesus and Paul on Church Discipline

- Jesus teaches about the PRACTICE of church discipline *(Mat. 18:15-17).*

- Paul writes about the PURPOSE of church discipline *(1 Cor. 5:1-13).*

2. Church Discipline Is LOVING!

Discipline Motivated by Love and Holiness

- Church discipline flows out of God's LOVE *(Heb. 12:6).*

- Church discipline is based on God's HOLINESS *(Heb. 12:10-11).*

A Biblical and Loving Ministry

Church discipline is a ministry of the WHOLE CHURCH and works best in a culture marked by biblical truth and God's grace.

Takeaway

Build relationships with one another in the church so that you can know them and they can know you.

Invite people to know you.

Encourage others in their walk with the Lord.

Work to be the kind of person who is easy to correct.