

### iBelieve in Church Discipline

- Discipline can be "Preventive" and "Punitive."
- The Bible upholds and commands both to be practiced.
- While few have issues with the former, many have issues with the later.

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#### Who Is To Be Disciplined?

- Any Christian who is entangled in sin, given sufficient time and encouragement to repent, but refuses to do so.
  - Immorality (1 Cor. 5).
  - Divisiveness (Romans 16:17).
  - Walking disorderly (2 Thess. 3:6,14).

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### Who Is To Do The Disciplining?

- · The elders should take the lead
  - (Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:3)
- The church should follow their lead
  - (1 Corinthians 5:4-5).

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#### **How To Treat Those Disciplined?**

- Do not keep company with them (2 Thess. 3:14; 1 Cor. 5:9-11).
- Do not eat with them (1 Cor. 5:13).
- Avoid them (Romans 16:17).
- Admonish them (2 Thess. 3:15).
- Love them as a brother (2 Thess. 3:15).

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### The Purpose of Discipline

- To save the sinner (1 Cor. 5:5).
- To save the church (1 Cor. 5:6).
- To save the world (Mt. 5:16).
- To deter others from sin (Acts 5:11).

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God needs a pure and holy church to be his point of contact with the world.

May we possess the love, wisdom, and courage to ensure his church remains pure and holy.

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