



HOUSE RULES: INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIFE IN GOD'S FAMILY CORRECTING GOD'S KIDS

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PREACHING POINT: Prayerfully correcting God's kids in the prescribed biblical manner is a responsibility we must administer with great care, knowing that God approves of it and Christ is in the midst of it.

1. Stick _____ (vv.15-17)

a.

b.

c.

Matthew 18:15–20 (ESV)

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

2. Grasp _____ (v.18)

3. Seek _____ (vv.19-20)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups or email us at info@compasshillcountry.org.

1. Write down one observation or application you found helpful from this week's sermon.
2. Read Matthew 18:15-17. How can disregarding any part of the biblical pattern for church discipline undercut God's plan for redemption in the life of our church? Give an example.
 - a. It's not only that we follow the proper pattern mentioned above that matters, but also how we do it. In what ways could the three steps lose their effectiveness if they're carried out carelessly or without the right attitude?
 - b. How can you ensure that each step is done in the right order with the right intention and attitude?
3. Read Galatians 6:1-2. Explain how this scripture adds some color to the way in which you must address someone caught in sin.
4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:2-3. How do Paul's words exhort you to take the job of adjudicating matters like church discipline more seriously as God's representative?
5. Read 1 John 5:14-15 and Matthew 18:19-20. Why must "asking" God in prayer be the first place you start when you are discerning how to deal with the sin of a brother or sister?
 - a. How can seeking God's presence and approval through prayer embolden you to redemptively address the sin of your brother and sister?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

October 26th

Jeremiah 17-19 & 1 Timothy 6

October 27th

Jeremiah 20-22 & 2 Timothy 1

October 28th

Jeremiah 23-24 & 2 Timothy 2

October 29th

Jeremiah 25-26 & 2 Timothy 3

October 30th

Jeremiah 27-28 & 2 Timothy 4

October 31st

Jeremiah 29-30 & Titus 1

November 1st

Jeremiah 31-32 & Titus 2

November 2nd

Jeremiah 33-35 & Titus 3