

THE CHARGE IS THIS

Christ has been preaching about His concern for the little ones in Matthew 18. He has just told us how the Shepherd is so concerned for one straying sheep that He will leave the ninety-nine to go pursue it. That is what church discipline is – the Shepherd’s heart to correct and restore the straying one. God’s way of achieving restoration runs contrary to the sentimental and therapeutic sensibilities of our age. But it is Christ, not man, who is building His church, so we must follow the instructions we are given instead of presume to create our own. We have seen a concern for correction but also for gentleness. There are steps of increasing seriousness as open sin is rooted from the camp, but each step is committed to using as little force as possible. The need to increase the pressure lies with the offender and not the offended; impenitence leads to further measures but softness of heart and repentance leads to restoration and reconciliation. The charge for each one of us is to have the gracious courage to live up to Jesus’s words. Let us not presume to be sheep who are wiser than the Shepherd. Let us have the grace and humility to always deal seriously, yet graciously with straying brothers and sisters. And may it always be done with restoration as the purpose. Christ will bind us together as we work for the good of His people and the glory of His name.

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Trinity Fellowship exists to herald the glory of God over all creation.

“Church Discipline”

Matthew 18:15-20

Call to Worship: Psalm 98

- Prayer for Assistance
- Congregational Singing

Confession

- New City Catechism Question #29
- Reading of the Law of God
 - Romans 12:9-21
- Assurance of Pardon
 - 1 Peter 1:1-12
- Congregational Singing

Consecration

- Congregational Prayer
- Offering
- Scripture Reading
 - Matthew 18:15-20
- Sermon
 - "Church Discipline"
- Prayer

Communion

- May 5

Comissioning

- Closing Song
- The Charge
- Benediction
 - Romans 15:5,6

New City Catechism Question #29

Q: How can we be saved?

A: Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

Next Week's Text: Matthew 18:21-35

We practice Covenant Renewal Worship.

Call to Worship: God calls His people out of the world to gather in worship of Him.

Confession: God reminds us of our duty to Him and forgives us where we have sinned.

Consecration: God trains us for holiness and service through instruction by His Word.

Communion: God feeds us in order to strengthen us as we go back out into the world.

Commissioning: God gives us our mission as we depart.

At Trinity, we believe children are a gift from God, and we encourage families to see the importance of training them in the worship service. It is an opportunity to learn the songs, vocabulary, and rhythm of worship from young on. We do have a nursery room for those times when these little ones become especially upset and their parents need to temporarily remove them from the worship service.

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