

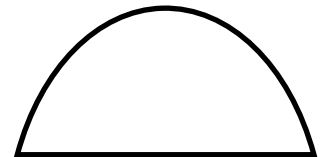
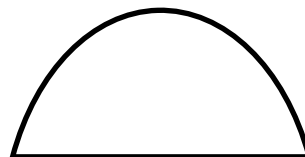
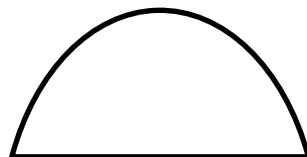
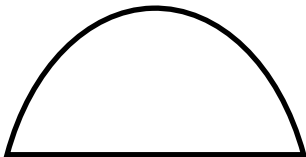
TOPIC NIGHT: CHURCH DISCIPLINE

'I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.' - 2 Corinthians 2:8

What things come to mind when you hear the phrase 'church discipline'?

THE CHURCH IS...

...a gathering



... a household

- 1 Timothy 3:14-15

WHY DO WE NEED CHURCH DISCIPLINE?

Discipline and discipline (Formative and corrective)

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

In light of what we have thought about so far...

What does 1 Corinthians 5 have to say about the why of church discipline?

1. It _____

4. It _____

2. It _____

5. It _____

3. It _____

HOW SHOULD CHURCH DISCIPLINE BE DONE?

Read Matthew 18:15-20. **What steps are there to church discipline?**

Skim the surrounding context (17:22-18:35). **What does that add to the picture?**

In love

- Proverbs 3:11-12
- Hebrews 12:4-11
- Revelation 3:19

WHEN SHOULD CHURCH DISCIPLINE HAPPEN?

When sin is...

- Outward
- Significant
- Unrepentant

Being in church leadership makes these even more significant (1 Timothy 5:17-25)

Yet... treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. (Matthew 18:17)

RESOURCES I HAVE FOUND USEFUL...

- **Is It Loving to Practice Church Discipline? (Jonathan Leeman)**
A short (37 pages!) book tackling the question of whether it is loving to practice church discipline (his answer is yes!)
- **Nine Marks of a Healthy Church (Mark Dever)**
A book that tackles what it is to be a biblically healthy church. Covers more than just church discipline.