

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for November 9, 1986

Church Discipline
Part 4
Matthew 18:15-20
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Introduction: **Hosea 11:9**, "...For I am God and not man..." The otherness of God, how God stands out from every part of creation. **Ezekiel 36:20-23**, God has great concern for His Holy Name. **Revelation 1:9-20**, Jesus, holy purging His church.

1. The Fact of Discipline
2. The Purpose of Discipline
3. The Pre-requisite of Discipline
4. The Procedure of Discipline
5. The Church's authority to discipline

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven...Whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Christ is declaring that the church has the authority to bind or loose. Heaven will support you in this action.

The Church has the authority and responsibility to move forward in discipline. "Where two or three have gathered together in My name." This passage is dealing with church discipline. Two or three refer to the group, the church.

There is profit in expanding the circle of prayer. Throughout the Scriptures we hear, "Pray with me," "Pray for me."

Praying about the confrontation of sin is in God's will. We are never more like Jesus than when we are moving to purge sin from our midst.