**Q106. What is Christian accountability and discipline?**

It is loving correction to someone who professes to be a Christian when he/she is out of step of core sound doctrine or practicing other sin. If he/she does not repent after biblical efforts are made, then God’s instruction is dis-fellowship until he/she does. All Christians are to joyfully submit to biblically-based accountability.

**Q107. Why do we do Christian accountability and discipline?**

We practice Christian accountability and discipline because of our love for God and our love for one another.

It glorifies God when we trust and obey His commanded will, and it is loving to others to treat them the way God has ordained.

1. With what we learned in the lesson, what kind of judging is Jesus talking about in Matthew 7:1-5?
2. All and any kind of judging
3. Righteous judging
4. Sinful judging, such as self-righteous judging, hypocritical judging, and/or superficial/untrue judging
5. What kind of judging is Paul talking about it 1 Cor 5:12 when he says, “Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?”
6. Righteous judging
7. Sinful judging, such as self-righteous judging, hypocritical judging, and/or superficial/untrue judging
8. Read Galatians 6:1 together and have a discussion pointing out the various elements and commands in the passage. Then discuss how this passage fits into what you heard tonight in the lesson.
9. What does Paul call the believers in Corinth in 1 Corinthians 5:2 for tolerating/permitting grievous sin amongst them? Do you see that is a righteous thing for Paul to say? *Discuss further if group doesn’t understand how it’s righteous for this kind of declaration to be made (i.e. a “spirit of gentleness” does not mean the true words won’t be bold, alarming, and possibly wound/hurt).*
10. What reason/hope in 1 Corinthians 5:5 does Paul give for dis-fellowship of the unrepentant man claiming to be a brother in Christ? Was this already your understanding, or do you need to conform your mind to God’s word on this?
11. If someone claiming to be a brother/sister in Christ repents from minor or grievous sin when accountability is brought by other Christians, should we forgive them fully and celebrate the repentance, or should we hold it against them still? Why?
12. If you think so, but have some doubt, that beliefs or behaviors of someone claiming to be a brother/sister in relationship with you are sinful, what action step did you hear encouraged tonight? *Seek counsel (with proper motives from a qualified person).*
13. Let’s do some exercises to check and sharpen our judging/accountability skills:

* A coworker that you consider a friend and brother/sister in Christ and enjoy seeing regularly at work has earned a promotion that requires them to move work locations away from you. The promotion doesn’t negatively affect anything else in their life or faith, but it hurts your feelings to some degree. Are they free in Christian liberty to decide what to do without being judged as sinning if they choose to take the promotion, or should you try to convince them not to? Explain why.
* A Christian friend who is single is being very flirty with someone to the degree it’s clear the person is being tempted to lust for or covet (a desire beyond a normal attraction/interest) relationship with your friend. Is your friend free in Christian liberty to continue his/her behavior without being judged as sinning, or should you lovingly speak to him/her about it? Explain why.
* A Christian couple you know at church enjoys wine or other adult drink types in moderation with dinner at their home regularly. There is no evidence of drunkenness in either of them. Are they free in Christian liberty to enjoy alcohol without being judged as sinning, or should you lovingly speak to them about it? Explain why.
* Someone you usually sit near in church has suddenly become very sporadic in being at church on Sunday morning. You see him/her in the grocery store, and he/she tells you he/she didn’t like something Pastor said in a previous sermon, so he/she is not as motivated to be at church as much right now. Is this fellow church goer free in Christian liberty to not attend church regularly without being judged as sinning, or should you lovingly speak to him/her about it and seek a unifying path forward? Explain why.

1. Does God hate sin? Should we hate sin? Is it possible to hate sin while loving your neighbor well? *Discuss this if anyone is struggling with these points.*