**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. 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.*