

Title: Grace of Discipline

Passage: Hebrews 12:1-11, 1 Corinthians 5

Series: Marks of a Healthy Church

**Main Point: Every believer needs God's discipline through His church to grow as disciples of Jesus**

### **Sermon Points**

#### **1. Believers never outgrow their need for God's discipline (Hb.12:5-8)**

**Discipline** - Authority in action to train people to grow and develop toward a specific purpose

**Formative discipline** – Action that shapes, directs and instructs people to grow to the intended purpose

**Corrective discipline** – Action to correct people who are not growing toward the intended purpose

#### **2. God's discipline is good & loving (Heb 12:9-11)**

- Discipline is good when used to help people reflect God and follow Jesus (v1-2, 10)

#### **3. God calls His church to disciple by disciplining its members**

- 1 Th. 5:11-14, Hb. 3:13, Col. 3:16, Gl. 6:1-2
- Formal corrective discipline: Mt. 18:15-20, 1 Cor. 5

#### **4. God's purpose in church discipline is to bring restoration & life (1 Cor. 5:5, 2 Cor. 2:4-8)**

Testimonies of Restoration Through Church Discipline:

- [www.9marks.org/article/stories-of-restoration-after-church-discipline](http://www.9marks.org/article/stories-of-restoration-after-church-discipline)

### **Application**

- Embrace discipline from fellow believers as a good thing (Ps 141:5)
- Faithfully & courageously correct fellow believers with God's love
- Place yourself under God's discipline through a local church (Eph. 5:21, Hb. 13:17)