

Sermon Notes

Why Sin Stinks and Why Church Discipline Usually Fails
(based on a workshop by Jim Van Yperen, Metanoia Ministries)
Matthew 18:15-22

When some hurt has occurred in a church, there is sometimes a rush to initiate a disciplinary process similar to that described in Matthew 18. In reality, such church discipline processes often seem to fail. We may be surprised to learn that the reason for such apparent failure has to do with the practice (or non-practice) of real fellowship in the church.

Other "Discipline" Passages

Guiding Assumptions in the Process

Steps Toward Reconciliation & Restoration When a Hurt Has Occurred

1. personal _____
2. self - _____
3. overlooking & _____
4. private _____
5. conversation with _____
6. overseer _____
7. overseer _____
8. overseer _____
9. removing from _____
10. restoring to _____

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Welcome to Crossroads Community Church!

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning. If this is your first time visiting us, please take a moment to fill out visitors card and leave it in the offering box. You will find the visitor cards on the back table. You can also find us at nevadacrossroadschurch.org and on Facebook.

Order of Service for January 24, 2021

*Welcome
Worship Through Singing
Worship Through Prayer
Worship Through God's Word
Closing
Worship Through Our Offerings*

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From Pastor Tom

Good morning! I'm glad you're here!

How can we help be a force for life in our nation and world? Raising some loose-change funds for Nevada Birthright by taking a baby bottle home with you today is one small and easy, but important and helpful, step. Despite all that has been happening in our community and in our world, one thing has not changed – moms, and moms-to-be, still need help. Birthright needs caring, responsible volunteers who are able to work one shift per month during their operating hours of MWF, 11 am – 2 pm. You can contact them at 417-448-1771.

If you're interested in being a part of the national March for Life, it will be a virtual event this year on January 29th, so it's easy for you to attend! Information can be found here: <https://marchforlife.org/statement-on-2021-march-for-life/>

Let's be in prayer for God to turn us back to Him and to a respect for the life He gives. The abortion rate in America is on the decline, but there were still 862,000 abortions in the U.S. in 2017. Eighteen percent of all pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) ended in abortion. May we be able to stand one day before the Lord and say we helped in this spiritual battle. May His Spirit stir us as we worship Him this morning.

-- Tom

Announcements

Crossroads Connection

Everyone is invited to stay for some fellowship and interaction over lunch after the worship service. Dessert is provided. Stay for a few minutes of getting caught up and looking ahead at Crossroads.

Momentum Home Group

Our new Momentum series begins tonight at 6:00 at the Rea Home, 628 W. Arch Street. Come in through the garage door on Spring Street. Study, fellowship, prayer, and encouragement. It's not too late to join – let Tom know!

Baby Bottle Boomerang

You may take a baby bottle today to help raise funds for Birthright of Nevada. Please sign out your bottle number. Bottles will be due back February... If you have any questions, please contact Kim Reedy.

Worship through Offerings & Tithes

As a part of our worship today, an offering box is available on the back table. The ministry at Crossroads depends on the regular giving of the church family. Giving offers us a way to express our faith that God will care for us just as He cares for the lily and the sparrow.

Matthew 6:25-34