

# Overview: Church Discipline

## Status

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This book holds Mayflower Church's framework for formative and corrective discipline. It exists to protect the flock, restore the wandering, and shepherd accountability with clarity and compassion — never to punish, shame, or exclude.

The framework defines who has authority to discipline, the biblical pattern (Matthew 18, 1 Corinthians 5, Galatians 6), the step-by-step process, restoration pathways, and how discipline is documented and communicated. Pastors, elders, deacons, and ministry leaders should read this before any discipline conversation begins.

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