

LESSON 23: THE CHURCH – GOVERNMENT (4)

Memory Work

Q. Is the nature of Church Discipline physical or spiritual?

The nature of church discipline is spiritual

Q. What is the purpose of Church Discipline?

*To reconcile sinners with the church and their neighbours
and to remove all offence out of the church of Christ.*

Homework

Use the Church Order of the Canadian Reformed Churches in the back of a *Book of Praise* or online at www.canrc.org to answer the following questions.

1. Articles 71 & 72: Office bearers can be “suspended from office” and “deposed from office”. What is the difference between these two?

2. Article 74: Would the size of a church make a difference when it comes to decisions taken by churches together? E.g. Given that Langley CanRC is larger than Surrey-Maranatha + Cloverdale + Langley-Refuge + Willoughby Heights, should Langley have four times the number of votes at a Classis? Why (not)?

3. Article 76: In your opinion, does the fact that churches are to “endeavour diligently to observe the articles of this Church Order” allow for wiggle room? If you feel “yes”, given an example what would be okay and given an example of what would not be okay. _____

Examples: _____
