

LESSON 07: THE KEYS TO GOD'S KINGDOM: DISCIPLINE

Memory work

85. Q. *How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened by church discipline?*

A. *According to the command of Christ,
people who call themselves Christians
but show themselves to be un-Christian in doctrine or life
are to be admonished.
first, in a brotherly manner
and then by the church.*

*If they refuse to repent,
they are excluded from the Church.*

*They are again received as members
when they promise and show real amendment.*

+ study the flowchart on the back of this page. **There will be a *fill in the blanks* exercise next week.**

Homework

Look up Church Order articles 66 – 67 (the church order is in the back of the *Book of Praise*) or go to <https://officebearers.com/library/church-orders/canrc-church-order/>

1.(4) What is the (dual!) purpose of church discipline? _____

2.(2) When is a consistory allowed to become involved in a matter relating to what you believe (doctrine) or how you live (piety)?

3.(2) How do you feel about admonishing someone privately? Would you do it? _____ because

If it comes to taking a witness, what kind of person would you take? _____

4. (2) A discipline process such as that outlined on the back of this sheet can take many years. What do you think of this? Is it too long? Too short? Good? _____ because _____

