

DNA Of A Healthy Church

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Sermon Notes | Jeff Randleman | March 17, 2024

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Healthy Discipline That Restores: The process through which the body of Christ comes alongside one another with exhortation, encouragement, and love, for the purpose of facilitating repentance, restoration, and spiritual growth in Christ.

Characteristics of Healthy Discipline:

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The following questions can be used for Small Group discussions or for personal reflection:

1. Describe God's perspective and purpose for discipline, as outlined in Hebrews 12:3-13 and 1 Corinthians 5:1-13.
2. Reflect on a time when you experienced or witnessed healthy discipline within the body of Christ. How did it impact your spiritual growth and understanding of God's love?
3. According to 1 Corinthians 5:1-13, what are the consequences of neglecting discipline within the church community? How does this relate to the importance of accountability and restoration?
4. In what ways does Hebrews 12:3-13 encourage believers to persevere through trials and hardships? How does the discipline of the Lord demonstrate His love for His children?
5. In what ways do you see the body of Christ fulfilling the principles of healthy discipline here at Parkview? In what ways do we need to improve?
6. How does the process of discipline contribute to spiritual growth and maturity?
7. How can we approach discipline in a healthy way that maintains a balance of love and grace with the need for repentance and restoration?
8. In what ways can you actively participate in the process of healthy discipline within the church, whether through exhortation, encouragement, or loving accountability? What steps can you take to foster a culture of repentance, restoration, and growth in Christ?