

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for February 28, 2010

Restoration
Luke 15:11-24

How has God's grace been manifested in the matter of this restoration?

God's grace has been manifested through the obedience of this congregation in initiating the process of church discipline.

Church discipline refers to the process that is spelled out for us in Matthew 18:15-17 that is to be initiated by the church when they believe a brother or sister in Christ is choosing to live in sin.

The first step in the process of church discipline is to go to the sinning brother or sister in Christ in private (Matthew 18:15).

The second step in the process of church discipline is to go to the sinning brother or sister with one or two others (Matthew 18:16).

The third step of church discipline is to tell it to the church (Matthew 18:17).

The fourth and final step of church discipline is to break off all social contact (Matthew 18:17).

God's grace has been manifested through the restoration of our sister in Christ (Hebrews 4:14-15).

May all the praise, the honor, and the glory go to God for His good work.