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## Corrective/Redemptive Church Discipline

### **Church Discipline on the Embassy Model**

- With an embassy understanding of church membership, church discipline is an act that authoritatively revokes one's passport for the Kingdom. Importantly, **it does not require or even involve individuals' speculation about someone's objective status before God.** Rather, it is a public declaration by the embassy that one's public fruit cannot be squared with their public profession to represent and follow Jesus in light of Scripture.
- An inconsistent triad
  - Deep or personal familiarity with a person being considered for church discipline *is not required.*

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- Church discipline seeks the repentance and redemption of the person under it while preserving regenerate church membership.
  - Practicing redemptive church discipline without regenerate church membership is nearly, if not certainly, impossible. After all, what are we to make of a key-wielding declaration made jointly by believers and unbelievers?
  - One subtle technicality
    - Unrepentant sin that **does not** undercut one's claim to legitimate citizenship.

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## Case Studies

- The addict
- The serial non-attender
- The divisive *non*-member
- The pre-emptive resigner
- The newly-decided unbeliever

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