**Catechism Lesson: The Office of the Keys and Confession**

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ The purpose of excommunication is to punish sinners so they never return to the Church.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Excommunication excludes someone from the Lord’s Supper and other privileges of fellowship.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The Church should forgive and receive back a repentant sinner.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Excommunication is a final judgment that cannot be reversed.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The Office of the Keys is exercised publicly by pastors who are called to do so.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Every Christian can publicly preach and administer the Sacraments without being called.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ All Christians are called to share Christ’s forgiveness in their everyday lives.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Only pastors may ever forgive sins in any situation.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ A pastor must be above reproach and able to teach.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word allows women to serve as pastors.

**Essay Question:**

Why does the Church sometimes tell someone they cannot take communion anymore, and how does this help them return to Jesus?

**Bible Study: Matthew 18:15–18 — Jesus Teaches Forgiveness and Discipline**

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**Read Matthew 18:15–18 (ESV)**

*“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone…”*

(Jesus teaches us how to deal with sin, starting privately and lovingly, then with others, and finally with the Church.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus teaches that we should try to handle problems in private first.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ If someone doesn’t listen to you, Jesus says to tell the police right away.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus teaches that the goal is always to win back your brother or sister.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Telling the Church is the last step if a person won’t repent.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus says whatever we bind or loose on earth will be bound or loosed in heaven.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Church discipline is done out of love, not anger.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus wants us to ignore people’s sins so we don’t make them feel bad.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ The Church has authority to speak God’s forgiveness in Jesus’ name.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ If a sinner repents, we are to welcome them with joy.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ These verses show how important both truth and love are in the Church.

**Essay Question:**

What should you do if a friend in church does something wrong, and how can you help them come back to Jesus?