Can a church be under the discipline of God?

Yes it can.

A number of years ago, a Christian group was invited to minister in a church in Connersville, Indiana. But the church seemed to be on life-support: it was dead! The reason became clear: a few years before, there had been a major church split with half of the church leaving in a huff and a lingering wall of bitterness between. But, when the Christian group confronted these folks with their sin, the two churches sincerely reconciled with tears and forgiveness. They even took out a full page ad in their local paper to ask the city to forgive their hypocrisy.

As a result, the manifest presence of God fell on that town and many unsaved people were drawn to the Savior.

A unified church is a powerful witness to the world!