

Food for thought

Matthew: Hope Revealed

“Confrontation” - Matthew 18:15-20



Day 1 – Understanding the passage

Read Matthew 18:15-20

- What stands out to you in this passage or from the message?
- Jesus is making several arguments (15-17) in succession that go: if this happens, then that should happen. Restate the arguments in succession.
- State the main point of this passage in one sentence.

Day 2 – Taking stock of our lives

Conflict – avoid or attack?

- When you are faced with conflict, do you err on the side of avoiding it or attacking the other person?
- On a scale of 1-10, rate how well you deal with conflict.
- What are some ungodly ways we can respond when someone hurts us?
- Do you expect people to sin against you? How does this impact the way you view people?

Day 3 – Applying the Bible to our lives

Church discipline

- What does church discipline mean to you?
- How do you react to the idea of church discipline? Why?
- When you read 18:15-17, what are some things you notice about the steps that need to be taken? How do we see God's goodness in this process?
- What do you think the goal of church discipline should be?
- How does this passage on church discipline help you think about when you sin?

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