

Text: Matthew 18:1-35
Topics: Conflict, Forgiveness, Relationships
Series: The Promised King

Monroe Bible Church
January 26, 2019
Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl

Relationships in the Church

I. Childlike (1-14)

The character and needs of children teach us what is greatness in God's family.

II. Conflict (15-20)

There is a proper method for dealing with sin in God's family!

Cleansing and restoration are the goal for dealing with sin in God's family.

III. Chronic Offenders (21-35)

Gratitude for God's mercy is the reason we extend continuous forgiveness.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. Do you have an example of a relationship difficulty you experienced in the church? No names please. Was it resolved well? What was done right? What was done wrong, and why do you think this happened?

2. Read Matthew 18:1-14.

Jesus said childlike character constitutes greatness in His kingdom (v. 4). What are some examples of the childlike character He would be referring to?

Jesus said "receiving" others is receiving Him (v.5). Give some examples.

What are some examples of how a believer could "cause" another to stumble (v. 6)?

Is the Lord pointing out a growth point for you in one of these areas? What is one step toward "greatness" you can take for Jesus?

3. From Matthew 18:15-20, what steps should you take when you see a fellow believer sin?

What are some ways a person could wrongly handle another's sin?

4. In Matthew 18:21-22 Jesus told Peter there isn't a limit on how many times he should forgive someone who sins against him. Is there someone you're having trouble forgiving? Do you have an example of a circumstance you experienced in which it was difficult to forgive? Explain.

What reasons does Jesus illustrate in the parable (verses 23-34) for granting forgiveness to your major offenders?

What good would repeatedly forgiving an offender achieve?

5. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?