

## A WARNING TO STUMBLING BLOCKS

(King Jesus: The Gospel of Matthew- Part 47)

January 31, 2021

The Passage: Matthew 18:5-14

### DANGERS OF A STUMBLING BLOCK

Sin impacts \_\_\_\_\_ - vs. 5, 6

Sin has to be stopped in getting \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ it takes- vs. 7-9

God \_\_\_\_\_ sin because he \_\_\_\_\_ people so much- vs. 10-14

*Fill-ins: others; passed along; no matter what; hates; loves*

(Some of the content of today's message is derived from Dr. Tim Mackie's commentary on this passage.)

## Life Group Questions for the Week of January 31, 2021

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

2. Share with the group about a time when you tripped over something and fell.

3. In Sunday's message we saw God's warning about causing others to sin. Discuss different ways one can cause others to sin (v. 6)

4. What guidance do the following verses give to help us be aware that we're headed in the right direction and not causing others to stumble?

Psalm 139:23-24

Proverbs 15:31

Proverbs 27:6

Proverbs 27:17

5. What is Jesus wanting to accomplish by telling us that drowning by millstone (v. 6) and self-mutilation (vs. 8,9) is preferable to creating a hellish environment for yourself and others, becoming a child of hell (Mt. 23:15) and ultimately being thrown into hell?

6. Would carrying out the above extreme and graphic acts of self-mutilation actually solve one's sin problem? Discuss.

7. Read through Sunday's passage, Mt. 18:5-14, and note what we learn about how God feels about those who don't yet know him and caught up in sin.

8. Who in your life needs to hear the truth of this passage? How can you go about sharing with them?