

CARING ENOUGH TO CONFRONT

(King Jesus: The Gospel of Matthew- Part 48)
February 7, 2021

WOUNDING OTHERS IN THE CHURCH IS _____

DEALING WITH OFFENSES IS NOT _____

Why we don't:

- _____ is uncomfortable/painful

- Disagreeing with another is seen as being “_____”

- It is seen as an act of _____

Why we must:

- God _____ it

- The world is _____

- _____ is damaging/damning

- _____ brings to reconciliation, health, life

THE PASSAGE: Matthew 18:15-20

The steps to take- vs. 15-17

The motivation and encouragement needed- vs.18-20

Life Group Questions for the Week of February 7, 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 a time when you were disciplined as a child for a behavior that was or would have been harmful. How did this discipline protect you? How did this discipline make you a better person? Are you thankful for this discipline?
3. Mt. 18:15-20 is about discipline in Jesus' church. Read it. Why do many in the American church seem to believe that we don't have the responsibility to do what we can to keep those in Christ from habitually sinning?
4. What might prevent us from confronting others caught in sin? How can those obstacles be overcome?
5. Which of the steps that Jesus lays out for his followers to take in confronting on-going, unrepentant sin in Mt. 18:15-17 do you think would be most difficult to take? Why?
6. According to Mt 18:1-4, what kind of an attitude is a believer to have in carrying out as well as receiving discipline? What attitudes and actions (sins) must we avoid ourselves when engaged in church discipline and restoration?
7. How can not understanding and correctly following Jesus' instruction cause great harm to the church? If done correctly, how can it help and build up the person as well as the church?
8. The passage we looked at Sunday has to do with relationships in the church. Are we to apply the same principles to those we know outside the church (non-Christians)? Why or why not?
9. Read Mt 7:1-5. What is the purpose of Jesus' warning not to judge in this passage? How does Jesus tell His listeners to help others in the church deal with sin? Is this judging a judging of evaluation or of condemnation? What's the difference?
10. Read Mt. 18:18-20. In relation to church discipline, why does Jesus makes a point to assure us of His authority, support, and presence?