



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 18:10-14” on March 18/21, 2021

CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed from Matthew 17:24-18:9 affect your week?

DISCOVER: MATTHEW 16:21-28

What did the passage say (in your own words) or did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage or did the sermon point you to Jesus (teach us about Jesus)?

Did you find anything challenging about this passage (words you didn't understand, phrases that didn't make sense, etc.)? Matthew 18:10-14 describes Jesus' teaching on how recognizing God's passionate love for us can change the way we relate to and seek after others in His Kingdom work. He uses the example of a shepherd seeking after one lost sheep to illustrate His perspective.

Jesus is recognized by His followers as The Shepherd and we as His sheep. He sees us and knows us; He has a relationship with each of us. When we recognize God's heart for us, it changes our heart for others. In our own lives, WE take on the role of shepherd in our families, in our career/church/community involvement, and as followers of Jesus on our earthly journey

- As a 'shepherd' in your own circle of influence, what individuals or people groups are you not 'seeing' or 'hearing'?
- What needs to change in your life so that others recognize His love in the way you interact with and care for others?
- In Jesus' parable, the shepherd was willing to leave the 99 to seek after the 1; which of God's 'little ones' do you need to be seeking out in your life right now?

In Adam's message, he gave us three descriptors of God's love for us; the first was this: God's heart for us is INTENTIONAL. The shepherd knows his sheep and his sheep know him. He has a relationship with his sheep.

- How does this passage affect your perspective on God's love for you and how you can respond to Jesus' teaching in your day-to-day living?
- Because of God's love for you, what intentional steps are you willing to take to develop deeper relationships with individuals in your
 1. Family?
 2. Church, community, and workplace?
 3. In the world at large - ALL those God has created.

The second descriptor was this: God's heart for us creates an URGENCY to go after the 'lost sheep' in our lives. For the urgency of the gospel, Jesus' life was interrupted again and again.

- We all are living full, busy lives with priorities and deadlines and places to be; what would you perceive as an URGENT need for the gospel that you would be willing to be inconvenienced/interrupted for?
- What priorities might you need to rearrange in your life to follow Jesus' lead in caring for the urgent needs of another individual for the sake of the gospel?

The third descriptor was this: God's heart for us is PASSIONATE. He is not willing for even ONE of his little ones to perish! When we are overwhelmed with God's passionate heart for us, it allows us to passionately love other people!

- What 'unlovable' people in your life could you intentionally reach out to, motivated by God's passionate heart for you?
- How would you describe the way you engage with others in light of God's passionate love for you? How will you respond to that?
- On what are your eyes fixed, day in and day out, in all aspects of your life?



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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RESPOND

- How does this passage encourage you, challenge you, or change you in your efforts to become more like Jesus?
- What is one thing you learned about yourself from God’s Word? How will you respond in obedience this week?
- Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you at a CU Church gathering.

PRAY

Pray for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.

KEEP READING

Keep Reading Psalm 23 is a shepherd Psalm.