

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

What if a group of people met together seeking Jesus' grace and truth? How would this simple action benefit their life, family, and world? What if that meeting place included you?

GETTING STARTED

1. Share about a time when you showed up for a meeting you prepared for only to be told that it had been cancelled. How did you feel?

BIBLE IDEA

2. Read Matthew 18:19-20. What are the two conditions in these verses given that assures Jesus' spiritual presence? Share about this kind of experience with Jesus. How did you know Jesus was meeting with you?
3. Read Matthew 18:1-5. Who is great among us? What is the main point of Jesus' statement in vs. 4? What do you think man's greatest stumbling block is when seeking a personal walk with Jesus, and why?
4. Read Matthew 18:6-9. FILL IN THE BLANK (vs. 6): It would be better for one to _____ than to cause another to stumble. What graphic examples are given that magnify the gravity of Jesus' instruction to the disciples?
5. Read Matthew 18:10-14. What do the 'lost sheep' compare to? Write down names of 'lost sheep' you know. Discuss ways you could help them take a step closer to Jesus.
6. Read Matthew 18:15-17. Write out the 3-step process of restoring a relationship. How have you seen this in action in past experiences? Does this method seem harsh? Why or why not? What do you think this helps to prevent within the church?

NEXT STEPS

7. Write down and share about a difficult issue you are ignoring. What would it feel like to no longer be afraid, but to have courage and peace in the presence of Jesus. What action will you take today?