

Bible Study Questions

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

“When We Are Wounded”

Matthew 18:15-20

1. Construct a simple flow chart of the steps and the possible responses outlined by Jesus in these verses.

What would it feel like to walk through this process as the one who was sinned against?

As the one who was sinning?

2. This process begins, “If your brother sins against you” (v. 15). Jesus’ words apply directly to problems between “brothers (Christians). What principles from these verses might help us resolve conflicts with non-Christians?
3. Why does Jesus place the burden of resolving the conflict on the offended person rather than on the offender?
4. What attitude do you think you should exhibit when you confront the person who was wounded you?
5. What are the benefits of taking two or three people with you the second time?

6. What will (hopefully) be accomplished by taking the extreme measures of verse 17?

7. What authority does Jesus give his followers and the church to act in such a way toward the person who refuses to repent (v. 18)?

8. What promises does Jesus make to those who are faithful in the areas of resolving conflict and pursuing reconciliation (vv. 19-20)?

9. What should you do if the offender never admits wrong?

How do you think God views that person?

10. What would be the results in your church or Christian fellowship if Jesus' instructions in this passage were followed?

What will be the result if we ignore or shortcut the process?