Part 3 - Matthew 18:15 -20

What Kind of Community is Created by the Reign of God?

- Read Galatians 6:1
  - What is Paul telling us today?

- What is Church discipline and why do we need it within the Church?

- How does Church discipline differ from worldly discipline?

- Read Matthew 18:1 -6
  - Who does Jesus center on within His discussion with His disciples?

- Read Matthew 18:7 -9
  - Who does Jesus center on within His discussion with His disciples?

- Read Matthew 18:10 -14
  - Who does Jesus center on within His discussion with His disciples?

- Read Matthew 18:15 -20
  - Who does Jesus center on within His discussion with His disciples?

- Read 1 Corinthians 6:1 -8
  - What would cause a person to take their own brother or sister to court? How serious would this be?
Follow-up questions

- Some look at this passage as a pattern given to us by our Lord to deal with conflict resolution, in the context that Scripture is giving us is this correct?

- If this passage is not speaking to conflict resolution what is it speaking to?

- Why is there a progression from going in private, to taking two or three, to going before the whole church?

- When we say that the person has wandered away, who has he wandered away from?

- **Read 1Peter 5:8**
  - What is the devil's role in the world?

- What does excommunication mean?

- **Read Galatians 6:1**
  - What is our role as Christians being part of the entire body of Christ? How is this shown in the singular and plural use of verbs in the Matthew reading?

- What is our Lord telling us in verses 19 & 20?