

Sunday, March 15, 2026 || LIVING THE KINGDOM WAY

Matthew 18:1–5 **Kingdom greatness** = Humility (Trust, Repentance, Dependence)

Changed belief = change behavior

- The disciples ask: “Who is the greatest in the Kingdom?”
- Jesus places a child before them.
- Kingdom greatness is measured by humility, dependence, and trust.

18:6–9

- Jesus gives a severe warning about causing “little ones” to stumble.
- Radical language about removing anything that leads to sin.
- Take sin seriously and protect others’ faith.
- Guard your life - guard other’s lives

Matthew 18:10–14 // **Kingdom restoration** || **RESTORER** The Heart of the Shepherd, pursue the broken, wanderer.

- The Parable of the Lost Sheep.
- God values every person and pursues, seeks out the wanderers.
- Continued language “little ones”
- Heaven rejoices when the lost are restored.

Matthew 18:15–20 // **Kingdom reconciliation** || **RECONCILER** - not afraid to address issues that divide, offend,

1. Go one on one - private.
2. Bring one or two witnesses.
3. Bring it to the church.

The goal is always restoration, not punishment. Discipleship includes discipline. Healthy community pursues reconciliation with truth, humility, and love.

Matthew 18:21–35 - **Kingdom FORGIVENESS - REDEEMER**

- Peter asks: “How many times should I forgive?”
- Jesus answers: “Seventy-seven times.”
- The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant = forgiven greatly must forgive greatly.
- Receive mercy - extend mercy - pay it forward.

Hurt people, hurt people. Healed people heal people.

Greatness in God’s kingdom means living w humility. With the heart of a good shepherd, reconciler, redeemer, restorer.