

STUDY QUESTIONS**Monday**

1. The word “despise” in Matthew 18:10 literally means “look down upon.” What are some of the reasons that Christians look down upon their fellow Christians?
2. Read Philippians 2:1-11. Describe how having the mind of Jesus would affect the way you view your brothers and sisters in Christ?

Tuesday

1. Read Romans 8:31-39. What is there that can separate us from the love of God? (note: the separation spoken of here is eternal)
2. In the parable of the lost sheep in Matthew 18:10-14 what is the cause of the separation of the sheep from the shepherd?
3. According to the parable of the lost sheep, who insures that a sheep is never lost? Do you believe that the Shepherd can ever fail in keeping His sheep? Does this give you hope? Explain.

Wednesday – Read and Meditate on Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday

1. Read Matthew 18:15-20. List the steps Jesus lays out for addressing a sin or an offense. Be as specific as possible.
2. What is the desired outcome of the confrontation?
3. In what way does the process laid out in verses 15-17 benefit the one who is in sin? Consider Matthew 18:8-9.

Friday

1. Jesus includes the phrase “between you and him alone” in verse 15. Why do you believe this is important?
2. In verse 16 Jesus requires the presence of two or three witnesses. Read Deuteronomy 19:15.
3. What do your answers to questions 1 & 2 reveal about the heart of God toward the sinning brother?
4. What do you believe are the potential dangers of straying from Jesus’ instructions in verses 15-17?

Saturday

1. The phrase “Again I say to you” in verse 19 indicates that Jesus is repeating what He has just said in verse 18. Read these two verses again carefully. What is the connection?
2. Compare verses 16 and verses 20. What phrase appears in both verses? Keeping in mind the context, what do you believe is the nature and purpose of the “gathering” spoken of in verse 20?
3. What assurance does Jesus provide in verse 20? The words “there I am among them” means more than mere presence, it also speaks of Jesus’ authority. Why is this important in a situation like the one spoken of in verses 15-17?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Monday	Matt 18, Phil 2
Tuesday	Matt 18, Rom 8
Wednesday	Matt 18:15-20
Thursday	Matt 18
Friday	Matt 18; Deut 19
Saturday	Matt 18
Sunday	Matt 18:15-20 (text for Nov 20)