

## Life Group Discussion Material – Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Message

Matthew 18:15-20  
*Courageous Restoration*

1. Verse 15 is pretty clear in its command. Have you ever been in a situation where you were outright sinned against by a member of your church? Did you follow this command and approach that person? If not, why not?
2. If it is a situation that does not involve sin, do you see any wisdom in still using this initial approach and going to the person with whom you have the disagreement or issue?
3. Why is it better to “attack conflict head on” rather than ignoring it?
4. In any conflict, whether sin is involved or not, have you ever gone into the situation without getting your heart in the right place first? How did that go for you?
5. Why is not so important to have forgiveness in your heart before you approach conflict, especially of that involving someone who sinned against you?
6. Of the 8 applications points to avoid turning conflict into a feud, which one(s) do you need to start implementing?
7. What is the reason for taking two or three witnesses to approach the offender?
8. Who is “the church” that needs involved from verse 17a?
9. Why is excommunication not considered a “harsh” approach?

The comfort to be found in this process is that it is a process that is backed by the authority of heaven. Jesus Himself is the one commanding this process, God the Father approves of it, and the Holy Spirit guides all parties through it.