

**The Heart of a Kingdom Community**

Matthew 18:1-35

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**“It is no exaggeration to say that  
this is the single greatest  
discourse our Lord ever gave on  
life among the redeemed people  
in His church.”**

**John MacArthur**



**Principles -**

To be a citizen of Christ's Kingdom, you must become a \_\_\_\_\_ of the King – 1-4

How we \_\_\_\_\_ God's Kids is a \_\_\_\_\_ matter – 5-6

We \_\_\_\_\_ one another – 7-9

We \_\_\_\_\_ one another – 10-14



John 13:34–35 (CSB) <sup>34</sup>“I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

We \_\_\_\_\_ one another – 15-20



- **Note the Process ... Yes it is important!**

We \_\_\_\_\_ one another – 21-35



For personal Reflection or Life Group Discussion:

1. What does it mean to become like children in verse 3? What is the difference between having childlike faith and being immature in your faith?
2. How does the requirement of humility in verses 1-4 compare with culture's view of greatness?
3. How does a biblical view of the church go against a culture that prizes independence?
4. Why is the practice of discipline and correction referred to in verses 15-20 so important in the local church? If this is not practiced what happens?
5. If I am not showing mercy and forgiveness to others, how might this be an indication that I am not being shaped by the Gospel? (Consider the following)

Don Carson commenting on Matthew 6:14–15 (ESV) For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

This “is not a sort of legalistic approach to God that is in view. Rather, **it has to do with the heart** and the attitude. If I am harboring a grudge against someone, am I really repenting of my own sin? If I am so busy being bitter to the person whom I can't forgive, how then have I repented, and how then will God forgive me?”