

Matthew 18 Study Guide

Solving problems between believers is sometimes difficult. But it is essential to keeping the church in peace.

APPLY. So, how would you handle a situation and how should the church handle the situation where a Christian friend took something valuable that belonged to you or said something really hurtful about you to others? List the steps that Jesus gave and apply them to your own church situation.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

What do you think might be the result if you did that and your friend asked your forgiveness? Could you be friends again? Would you feel your friend had violated your trust too deeply for you ever to be friends again?

How would you feel about your friend if he or she did not ask for your forgiveness? _____

If this person were truly a friend, what would it mean for you to treat him or her as an unbeliever if he or she did not admit the wrong and ask forgiveness?

READ. What indication did Jesus give in this chapter that forgiving is not easy?

What argument does the parable Jesus told make for forgiving?
