

## THE WAR ON SIN

Matthew 18.5-14

### DEALING SEVERELY WITH SIN

Matthew 18.5-9

Jesus is speaking hyperbolically here, showing the intensity and severity of how we should battle sin. He goes to a striking place, visually, when showing us clearly that that sin problem isn't "out there," but the sin problem is "in here," within our own hearts and minds.

**We've got to be willing to be just as violent against our sin  
As our sin is willing to be violent against us.**

James 1.14, 15

### WHEN WE CAN'T SEE

Proverbs 27.5, 6

Sometimes, however, we don't see our own sin, and so we go astray. We fall prey to the deceptiveness of sin when we don't see our own blind spots. Jesus here gives us a picture of God's charge to us, His people, that as He goes after the stray sheep, so should we.

**We think we know ourselves best, but our hearts deceive us.**

Who frequently confronts you in your blind spots and in your sin? When they do, what is your reaction? Do people feel comfortable confronting you in sin?

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**True friendship calls you out of the darkness of personal privacy into the loving candor of mutual concern. It moves you from being a sealed envelope to being an open letter.**

-Paul Tripp, Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands

### REAL FRIENDSHIPS

The Word shows us that real friendships are needed to help us from going astray, even if that going astray is simply in our hearts, because the straying of our hearts inwardly leads to the straying of our actions outwardly. The straying of our hearts is what leads to our eyes and hands causing us to sin.

**The Good News is this:**

**Jesus was cut off so that we could enter into eternal life.**

2 Corinthians 5.21 // Isaiah 53.6-8 // Galatians 3.13



## NOTES:

### Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Please visit [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids) to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

Our **High School students** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [hbarnes5@yahoo.com](mailto:hbarnes5@yahoo.com).

## VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

## MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

## STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 18:5-14**, what stuck out to you the most in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

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In **Matthew 18:8-9**, Jesus draws radical attention to the need for us to address our own sin and remove it. What do we need to address to effectively remove a particular sin from our life? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read **Galatians 5:19-21**, **James 1:15**, and **1 John 3:6-10**. Do you ever ask God to reveal sin to you? How do you address your sin issues? In other words, are you "killing your sin," and if so, what are you doing to expose and kill your sin? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you participated in a "Fight Club" (one on one time as you "fight for the truth of the Gospel") with a friend or another member of the group recently? If so, has your experience been positive or negative? Why is that? If not, what is holding you back? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read **Matthew 18:12-13** again. Who in your life is like the sheep who has gone astray? How can/is God using you to search for that "lost sheep?" \_\_\_\_\_

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Read **Psalms 139:7-12, 16**, **Proverbs 16:33**, **Philippians 2:13**, and **Colossians 1:15-16**, and Have you ever been the lost sheep? How has God used you going astray to bring Him more glory? \_\_\_\_\_

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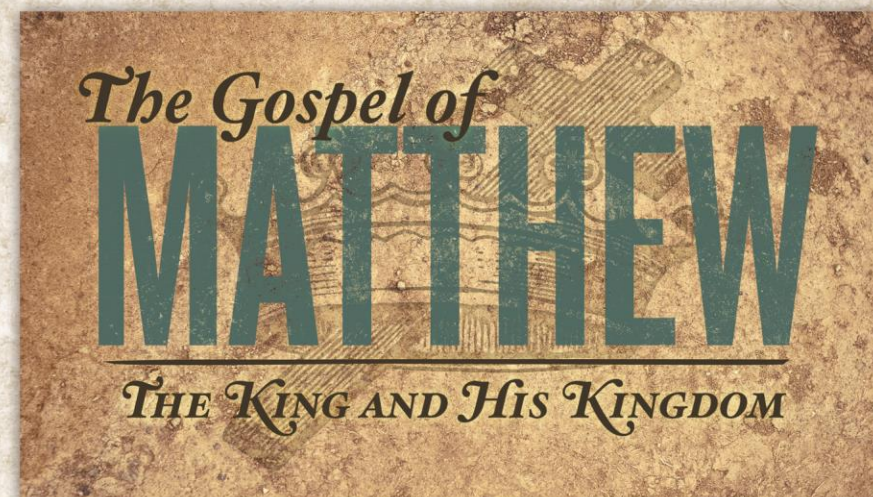
End group and your personal study time with prayer. Pray using the P.R.A.Y. model. PREACH the Gospel, reminding one another of the beauty of Jesus, who satisfies all needs, wants and desires. Confess and repent of any blind spots that have been recently exposed or are being exposed. Then ASK for the Holy Spirit, who is your Helper and with you to continue to increase your faith. Ask Him to help you turn to prayer more, the Word more and your Gospel-centered friends. Lastly, YIELD, with thanksgiving.



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Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.



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