

# MATTHEW

January 8, 2023  
Matthew 18:15-20

## READ

Matthew 18:15-20      Matthew 7:1-5

## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is suggested by the use of the term “brother” in this passage (v. 15)? How does this affect or influence the way in which you proceed with spiritual intervention?
2. What is the role of humility (v. 4) in this process? What does Galatians 6:1-2 contribute to this?
3. What cautions are to be drawn from Matthew 7:1-5 before proceeding?
4. What is the reward or benefit of this spiritual intervention (James 5:19-20)?
5. Step one in spiritual intervention is identified in v. 15. Why do you show your brother his fault?

How do you show your brother his fault?

Why do you do this “in private”?

What if your brother listens to you?

6. If your brother does not listen to you, step two is identified in v. 16. Why do you enlist one or two others to go with you?

What sort of people should these “witnesses” be?

7. If your brother still does not listen to them, step three is identified in v. 17. What is suggested by the involvement of the church? What is happening here? (What might this look like? What form might it take?)

How do vv. 18-20 fit into this? (What or Who is the church agreeing with?)

8. How is the church to treat Gentiles and tax collectors? What is the goal of spiritual intervention (Galatians 6:1; 2 Cor. 2:7-8)? (What is *not* the goal of spiritual intervention?)

## **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will walk in agreement with the Lord this week by . . .

I will build my spiritual foundation this week by . . .

I will look to fulfill the law of Christ this week by . . .