

Matthew 18

*Forgive one another, as God, in Christ, forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32*

Readings this week:

- S Matthew 18:1-14
- M Matthew 18:15-19
- T Matthew 18:21-35
- W Luke 14:1-14
- Th Matthew 20:17-28
- F Luke 7:36-50
- S Luke 9:46-56

Jesus' disciples were like his team. Teams need training in order to work together. What important lessons do you think a team might need to learn?

Look through Matthew 18 to find the answers to these number riddles. For each one, say what it means in practical terms, and give a real life example. You may like to do the activity in a group and share your ideas.

	Answer (write the verses)	What does it mean?	Real life example?
Least _____ is greater than most _____ .			
If you accept the smallest _____ you get the greatest _____ .			
Losing all leaves you with more than losing one little one.			
One is of greater value than 99.			
1+1 can change -1 into +1. If this does not work, add 2. If it still doesn't work, add more.			
If it still doesn't change the answer is -1.			
70 x 7 = 0			

What does the chapter teach you about valuing and forgiving each other?

What do you owe God?

What do other people owe you?

Are you a good team member?

How could you improve your performance?

Make a list of positive ways that people in the Bible treated others. Which of them might be useful for you to copy? Underline the ones you are going to attempt to do this week.

Digging Deeper

Three parables

Luke 10:30-35

Think about the Priest, the Levite and the Samaritan and answer these questions from your lesson:

Which of them thought they were more important than other people?

Which of them didn't care that the injured man may have been going the wrong way but just wanted to help him?

Matthew 25:31-46

Think about the sheep and the goats and answer these questions:

Which group thought more of themselves than others?

Which group wanted to help even those who may have done wrong things?

Which group was helping Jesus?

Luke 15:27-32

Think about the two brothers and answer these questions:

Which brother thought he was better?

Who didn't care about the wrongdoing of his brother?

Which wouldn't forgive?

Which was forgiven?

Please
forgive me
when I have
done wrong and
help me forgive
others.