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**“When Someone Disagrees With You”**

**(Matthew 18:15-20)**

All of us have encountered someone with whom it is \_\_\_\_\_  
to get along.

Anywhere there are human beings there are \_\_\_\_\_,  
conflicts, \_\_\_\_\_, maybe all out wars.

\_\_\_\_\_ has been the rule not the exception for most of human  
history.

Someone put it this way...

*To dwell above with saints we love, oh that will be glory. But to dwell  
below with saints we know, well, that's another story!"*

Today's lesson from Matthew's Gospel deals with disagreeable people  
in the \_\_\_\_\_.

If we start casting out people because of their \_\_\_\_\_, we're going  
to have a very small \_\_\_\_\_!

The answer is not \_\_\_\_\_. The answer is to build a church  
that is so loving, so committed, that people \_\_\_\_\_ in their  
commitment to Christ and others.

Why did this teaching occupy so much of Christ's teachings?

**#1. – Because the \_\_\_\_\_ meets a \_\_\_\_\_ in society that no  
other organization meets.**

When the church really is the church it \_\_\_\_\_ people's lives in  
a way that no other institution can.

**#2. – Because the church at its best deals not with people's  
\_\_\_\_\_, but with the \_\_\_\_\_ of their problems.**

Other organizations deal with the symptoms, but the church is called to  
get at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the matter!

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We see humanity's basic problem as being that of \_\_\_\_\_.

We recognize that humanity does not so much have a \_\_\_\_\_  
as that \_\_\_\_\_ IS the problem!

**#3. – Where will such \_\_\_\_\_ be found without the \_\_\_\_\_  
of Jesus Christ?**

We are not \_\_\_\_\_, but we serve a God who is \_\_\_\_\_ Love!

Not everyone we encounter will be easy to \_\_\_\_\_.

We are a \_\_\_\_\_. We are \_\_\_\_\_ for one another.

More importantly, we are the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ in \_\_\_\_\_ to  
the world!

Like the poet said (became a song):

*“Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship our spirit finds, is like to that above.  
Before our Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one – Our comfort and our  
cares.  
We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows, the sympathizing tear...”*

Does \_\_\_\_\_ in the church matter?

Does unity in a \_\_\_\_\_ matter?

**Can you think of anything that matters more?**

**May God help us all!**

