

MATTHEW



STUDY GUIDE

Introduction:

When have you had a hard confrontation? Maybe it was something you needed to confront in yourself. Maybe it was confronting misbehavior in another. Maybe someone else confronted you. Regardless, confrontation is often hard and scary. Share a few stories about experiences with confrontation.

After sharing those stories, discuss: what makes confrontation feel so scary or difficult? What are the thoughts or fears that go through your mind when you think about confronting someone?

Text: Matthew 18:15-35

In the text we saw four challenges from Jesus. First, a command to “go and confront.” Then three ways to go about this confrontation.

- We confront close brothers or sisters in Christ
- We confront sin that disrupts faith or fellowship, that is toxic or tarnishing to our witness.
- We confront with compassion, humility, and a desire for restoration.

How do these ideas strike you about any “Unfinished business” in the relationships in your life?

YOUR MOVE

We heard three challenges for taking action.

- Make sure you are working on yourself first, that you have the health and emotional reserves necessary.
- Make sure you have the tools to confront with gentleness and respect.”
- Evaluate your motives.
- Seek accountability.

Which of these do you need to pay most attention to in your life and why?

What action can you take this week (put it on the calendar, ask a friend to text you every day as a reminder, put a note on your bedroom mirror) to work on finishing some unfinished business in your life?