

## Matthew Lesson 18 a

### The Gospel According to Matthew -- Chapter 18:1-20

**Historical background** – In the last chapter, Jesus was transfigured before three of his disciples. God spoke saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

#### Vocabulary

- lowly position of a child
- stumble
- millstone
- maimed or crippled
- eternal fire
- gouge out your eye
- wanders away
- pagan
- “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

### Questions about Chapter 18

1. Why do you think the disciples were asking, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” (v. 1)
2. What does Jesus say to his disciples about greatness? (v. 2-5)
3. Who are the “little ones” who believe in Jesus? (v. 6-9)
4. Jesus talks about “causing one of these little ones to stumble”. What punishment will that bring? (v. 6-9)
5. Jesus tells a parable about a wandering sheep. Who is the shepherd? Who is the one lost sheep? (v. 10-14)
6. What does Jesus teach his followers about dealing with sin? What does he teach about “two agreeing and asking for something”? (v. 15 – 20)
7. What does Jesus mean in verse 20?