DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Matthew 18:15–20

Read through the passage together before you begin.

1. How does the term ‘brother’ throughout the passage affect the attitude and process it describes? How might the love or approach of a brother be different than that of someone outside the ‘family’?
2. Has anyone ever come to you concerned about sin in your life? What did that look like? How did they approach you?
3. Jesus specifically says to use this process when it comes to ‘sin.’ What is sin as defined through Scripture? Why is that important to this?
4. What is the purpose of the process according to verse 15? Have you ever seen this process played out? What did it look like? Was there restoration?
5. What would it look like to treat someone as a ‘Gentile’ or ‘tax collector’ in this context? What is their greatest need?
6. Why do you think people struggle with this process? Where can this go wrong?
7. What would it look like to have a gospel-saturated community where sin could be regularly confessed and help could be provided?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

As a group, ask God for the humility to receive correction and the love to pursue one another toward restoration.