

## Formed Questions on Matthew 17:14-19:1-15

### **Review from Matthew 15-17**

Chapter 15: Humility and circumcision of the heart and the Canaanite women

Chapter 16: Keys of the Kingdom, Peter is the rock that Jesus will build the church on

Chapter 17: The challenges and joys of following Jesus and His Kingdom.

### Chapter 17:14-18:9 Episode 25

Theme: Faith in His Kingdom that moves mountains

Narrative continued

1) The Mount of Transfiguration was possibly determined to be Mt Tabor, ( another thought could be Mt Hermon), what other mountain in the Old Testament in the lecture is mentioned that gives a similar account of chaos going on when Jesus returns back to the people? And why is that?

2) Why are the disciples unable to drive the demon from the man's son after the transfiguration event? Why does Jesus say they could not cast out the demon? What were they lacking? Do you think the church today is lacking this as well?

3) What is true faith compared to and why is this important to help solve this problem? What does a mustard seed have to do with faith and where else do you find the picture of the mustard seed in the previous chapters we have read in Matthew? Is there a connection to these two comparisons? \* See example given:-)

4) Why do the temple tax collectors go to Peter to see if Jesus will pay the temple tax?

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5) How did Jesus answer Peter? What was the significance of His question and what did He instruct Peter to do? How did this show the truth of being the Messiah and God even though he submitted to the temple leaders?

6) After Jesus gave Peter the job of finding the fish to pay the temple tax, what was the question the disciples decided to ask Jesus? Why at that time do you think they asked and what was Jesus's answer?

7) Since Jesus stated, "Whoever humbles himself like a little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven," what was Jesus trying to teach the disciples and us as well?

8) In Matthew 18:1-9, Jesus spends some time warning the disciples not to tempt others to sin. Since there can be temptations for us even as we are trying to follow Jesus in His Kingdom, what can we do when we struggle with these temptations, possibly causing others to struggle as well?

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### Chapter 18:10-35 Episode 26

Theme: Discipleship and growth in the Church

Discourse

1) According to Tim Gray what can be a failure in the growth and life of the Church today?

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2) What is discipleship and how can the community of believers help to purify and strengthen us in our faith and growth in Jesus?

3) According to Matthew 18:15-19, what is the process we go through when a brother or sister sins against us?

4) What are the dangers of being critical of others and not going through this above practice?

5) How important is the word, **listen**, in these above passages?

6) What if this person does not even **listen** to the Church?

7) How does this relate to the binding and loosing authority Jesus gives to the Church?  
.....and what additional insight to the Greek word usage of "you" in Matthew 16:19 and Matthew 18:18 does Michael Barber give us?

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8) According to Michael Barber and Tim Gray, what is the significance of verse 20, "For when 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them."?

9) Why do you think Forgiveness is discussed by Jesus after His teaching after the topic of Church discipline and discipleship? And how important is the issue of forgiveness according to verses 21-35 for the Body of Christ, His Church?

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### Matthew 19:1-15      Episode 27

#### Theme: The Kingdom's View of Marriage and Family Life

##### Narrative

1) When Jesus finished these sayings He went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan. Why is this important due the Pharisee's desire to test Him about Marriage?

2) What were the questions that the Pharisee's asked Jesus and what was His answer?

3) Not all laws of Torah were equal to the New Covenant. Why was that? What is "Sclerocardia"?

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4) When Jesus says “Whosoever divorces his wife , except for **unchasity**, and marries another...What does Michael Barber say unchasity in Greek mean? What are other views about what this word could mean? ( For more information on this view see the Ignatius Study Bible page 1761)

5) According to the Church Fathers, Scripture and the Catechism, what is the importance of Marriage when speaking of God’s covenant with Israel?

6) How does the Church's teaching on annulments pertain to this view?

7) What are the disciples' response to this, and how does Jesus answer them?

8) What does this mean about the Sacrament of Marriage and Holy Orders?

9) In conclusion to Jesus’s teaching on Marriage and Holy Orders, what is the next challenge Jesus gives the disciples and us in Matthew 19:13-15?

10) In these Chapters 17-19 is there a Theme that comes to mind for the Body of Christ when following Jesus?

