

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2026! Leading to Worship Sunday August 16, 2026

Reading: Matthew 18:15-22

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! This week, we hear about forgiveness, and we learn that even the best plan for confronting those who sin against us assumes A LOT of forgiveness. Click here: [Week 33 Video](#) Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- In Matthew 18, Jesus gives us some very practical, and also very Godly, advice. If someone (a "member") sins against you, "go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone." (Matthew 18:15) If the person listens, you have regained that member.
- If that person doesn't listen, Jesus instructs us to bring more people, and evidence, giving them another chance to listen. And if even that does not work, Jesus instructs us to tell the church. If that doesn't work, Jesus tells us to treat that one as a "Gentile and a tax collector." (Matthew 18: 17)
- Later, Peter asks him how many times we should forgive, and Jesus says, "Not seven times, but seventy-seven [or seventy times seven] times. (Matthew 18:22)

Two Questions

- Is there any difference between talking to a "member" about the sins against you and talking to anyone? Who is a "member" from Jesus' perspective? Is there anyone we are meant to exclude from this teaching? What does it mean to treat someone as a Gentile or tax collector from Jesus' perspective?
- What do you take from these two teachings (confronting wrongdoers, but forgiving A LOT) together? Is Jesus describing, in the first portion of this reading, giving people a "last chance?" Or, if we read the two passages together, is Jesus asking us to keep going back, to forgive, again and again? How do these two ideas work together for you?

Action Step

- This week, find a grudge you've been keeping to yourself, and open up to the person who hurt you. Give that person a chance to hear, and both of you a chance to forgive, and heal!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!