

## Sermon Notes

### Christ Uses His Church to Restore the Wayward and Save Sinners

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**15** “If your brother sins against you,<sup>[i]</sup> go tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother. **16** But if he won’t listen, take one or two others with you, so that by the testimony<sup>[g]</sup> of two or three witnesses every fact may be established.<sup>[h]</sup> **17** If he doesn’t pay attention to them, tell the church.<sup>[i]</sup> If he doesn’t pay attention even to the church, let him be like a Gentile and a tax collector to you. **18** Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will have been bound<sup>[j]</sup> in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed<sup>[k]</sup> in heaven. **19** Again, truly I tell you, if two of you on earth agree about any matter that you<sup>[l]</sup> pray for, it will be done for you<sup>[m]</sup> by my Father in heaven. **20** For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them.”

Main Idea - Christ uses his Church to restore the wayward and save sinners

1. Intro -
2. The Process
  1. A Big Event
  2. **Hebrews 3 - 12** Watch out, brothers and sisters, so that there won’t be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. **13** But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin’s deception
  3. Friendship and Community
  4. The Why?

3. The Authority of the Church
4. Being on the Outside looking in
5. The Church and the desire to see lost people saved

**Grow Group Discussion Questions**

- 1.) What did God say to you during our Sunday gathering?
- 2.) How has Christian community shaped you?
- 3.) Can you share a story of either being called out on your sin or calling someone out on their sin and you/they repented?
- 4.) Is there someone outside the family of God that you would like to see brought into it?
- 5.) Have your views on the reason for church discipline changed?
- 6.) How important is it to know your salvation is secure in Christ?
- 7.) From your Grow Group time, what is an idea or two from your discussion that you can work to apply this week?