



Magdalen Road Church

Delighting in God - Displaying his glory

GOD'S BIG SOCIETY

THE COMMUNAL VISION OF THE BIBLE

5. A COMMUNITY OF JESUS



THE STORY SO FAR

1. GOD IS RESTORING HUMAN BEINGS IN THE CHURCH

2. GOD IS FULFILLING HIS PROMISES TO ABRAHAM IN THE CHURCH

3. GOD'S LAW REVEALS THE GREAT OBSTACLE TO HIS PLAN

4. THE PROPHETS REVEAL GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO HIS PLAN

THE COMMUNITY OF JESUS

MATTHEW 16:18 – A NEW COMMUNITY

“I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH”

MATTHEW 16:21-17:27 – OUR ATTITUDE TO JESUS

MATTHEW 16:21-28 – DISCIPLES WHO WILL DEVOTE THEIR LIVES TO CHRIST

MATTHEW 17:1-13 – DISCIPLES WHO KNOW AND LISTEN TO JESUS

MATTHEW 17:14-23 – DISCIPLES WHO TRUST JESUS

MATTHEW 17:24-27 – DISCIPLES WHO BELONG TO JESUS

MATTHEW 18 – OUR ATTITUDE TO OURSELVES AND OTHERS

MATTHEW 18:1-4 – DISCIPLES WHO UNDERSTAND TRUE GREATNESS

MATTHEW 18:5-14 – DISCIPLES WHO CARE ABOUT LITTLE PEOPLE

MATTHEW 18:15-20 – DISCIPLES WHO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES

MATTHEW 18:21-35 – DISCIPLES WHO FORGIVE

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HUMAN BEINGS ARE ASTONISHINGLY INCONSISTENT

WE ARE FORGIVEN MUCH BY GOD

SO LACK OF FORGIVENESS IS DANGEROUSLY INCONSISTENT

QUESTIONS FOR HOMEGROUPS

1. Examine the parable in Matthew 18:21-35. What does Jesus want to indicate about God and us?
2. Why is it justifiable to portray our debt as enormous? Isn't this painting an overly dark picture of humanity?
3. Why do you think the servant is so ruthless with his fellow servant? Do you have experience of seeing or doing something similar?
4. Why is forgiveness so hard? What is it? How do we go about forgiving other people?