

Evergreen 101 Revisited
“Membership: Our Accountability”
Matthew 18:1-35

Matthew 18 seems, at first glance, like a collection of unrelated teachings and parables. However, there exists a single theme: relationships among believers. Each section balances the whole, keeping church members from going too far into laxity or severity toward other members. This chapter teaches us how to “enforce” Evergreen’s Member Covenant.

1. The Wrong Question (v.1)

Worldly Greatness vs. Kingdom Greatness

2. Accountability: Stamped by Humility (vv.2-14)

God’s Preference for Childlikeness (vv.2-4)

God’s Protection of His “Little Ones” (vv.5-9)

God’s Pursuit of His “Straying Lambs” (vv.10-14)

3. Accountability: Sustained by Purity (vv.15-20)

Worldly Toleration vs. Kingdom Confrontation

4. Accountability: Shaped by Mercy (vv.21-35)

Worldly Blame vs. Kingdom Forgiveness