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KINGDOM COMMUNITY
Matthew 18

Becoming a Christian...

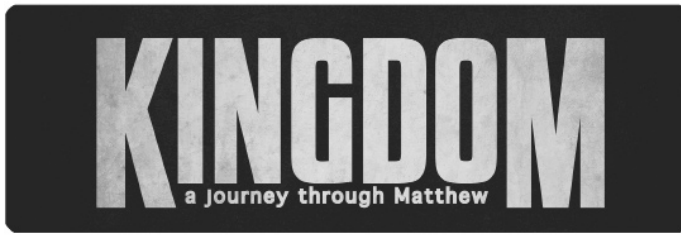
- To be a citizen of the kingdom, you must become a child of the King.
 - The necessity of conversion...
 - Turn from yourself.
 - Trust in the Father.
 - A necessary clarification...
 - Jesus calls his disciples to humility of heart, not childishness of thought.

Loving the Church...

- We protect one another.
 - We are selflessly concerned about each others' holiness.
 - We are radically committed to our own holiness.
- We love one another.
 - In light of the Father's angelic provision for his children.
 - In light of the Father's individual pursuit of his children.
- We restore one another.
 - The process of church discipline and restoration...
 - Step 1: Private correction.
 - Step 2: Small Group clarification.
 - Step 3: Church admonition.
 - Step 4: Church excommunication.
 - God's promises amidst church discipline and restoration...
 - He has given us his authority.
 - He has granted us his support.
 - He has guaranteed us his presence.
- We forgive one another.
 - In Christ, we have received extravagant grace.
 - As Christians, we now extend extravagant grace.

How Shall We Respond?

- As The Church at Brook Hills, we must care for every individual member...
 - Elevating church membership...
 - Prioritizing our covenant with one another.
 - Fulfilling our commitment to one another.
 - Ensuring pastoral leadership...
 - Pastor for Member Care
 - Elders
 - Equipping Small Groups...
 - Making disciples of all nations
 - Making disciples of succeeding generations
- As Christians...
 - Are you causing, leading, or enabling a brother or sister to sin?
 - Are you guarding, protecting, and nurturing your own personal holiness?
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