Scripture: Matthew 18 3/07/2021

### **EVERY WANDERING CHILD**

Matthew 18:10-14 ESV

See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 11(manuscript variant – For the Son of Man came to save the lost). 12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? 13 And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14 So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

The church that displays the heart of God, passionately runs after every wandering child.

# 1. The Whole Church is Responsible for Indiscriminately Loving Every Believer.

Matthew 18:10a, (18:5-9	), Genesis 4:8-9	
See it happen – Be _	·	
Y'all are	responsible.	
There is no room for		·
We are responsible for every		believer.
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### 2. Our Motivation is a Reverence for God's Heavenly Care.

Matthew 18:10b, Hebrews 1:13-14, Esther 1:13-14

How must your reverence for God work out in loving his church?

#### 3.We Value Purity Over Privacy

Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:1-7, Romans 12:10, Romans 15:7, Rom 15:4, 1 Cor 12:25, Gal 6:2, Eph 4:32, Col 3:13, Col 3:16, 1 Thes 3:12, 1 Thes 4:18, 1 Thes 5:11, 1 Tim 2:1, Heb 10:24, James 5:16, 1 Peter 4:10, 1 Pet 5:5, 1 John 1:17.

Are you willing for another believer (not just the pastor) to 'speak into your life?' What do you need to change in your own thinking to allow this type of intimate fellowship?

#### 4. We Rejoice in Redemption.

Matthew 18:13, John 10:11

How does the thought of joyful restoration protect you from sinful judgmentalism?

## 5. We Passionately Live This Out as a Means of God's Preservation of His Children.

Matthew 18:14, 1 John 2:19, 2 Peter 3:9

What must you change to be a willing tool of God for the preservation of his church?

Current Series: The King's Children Pa

Pastor Steve Ham

#### **Church Announcements**

- Sunday School 8:30am
- Wednesday study and prayer 7pm (prayer time following study)
  - Discussing Ephesians 1
- Church Annual Member's Meeting: Sunday 21 March (after church).

#### **Special Request**

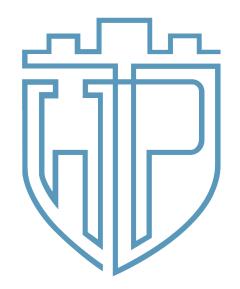
- Pray for Constance Oertel's recovery from surgery and development.
- Pray for Guneet, Julie, and Yuvi as they move to North Carolina
- Pray for our budget and building process.

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