**WPC Small Group Questions**

**Week of March 19, 2023**

**(for Sunday, March 26, 2023)**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

**Open:**

* What were some of the funny things that you and a sibling argued about? Why?

**Read:** Matthew 18:15-20

**Discover:**

* What are the steps or stages of the process that Jesus lays out in vs. 15-17? Who are the different people who are involved in this process at each step or stage? What might be the reason for this progression?
* In the final stage of this process, if the person does not listen, that person is to be treated the same as *“a pagan or a tax collector.”* How would Jesus desire us to treat pagans or tax collectors?
* What authority has Jesus given to his followers? What might be Jesus’ reason for this?
* What is the context for vs. 20? How might that be significant for Jesus’ followers?

**Apply:**

* What do you learn from this passage about reconciliation? Its importance? Its purpose?
* How should others be, or not be, a part of the reconciliation process?
* What attitudes are needed for a process like? What if these attitudes are not shared?
* What might it be like to follow this process in our relationships with each other?

**Respond:**

* Pray for individual needs of the group members, and thank God for them.
* Pray for one of our WPC Mission Partners – Hope Force International and the Stetson family.

The questions in this study were adapted and/or taken from one or both of the following sources:

*The NIV Quiet Time Bible, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 1996.*

*The NIV Serendipity Bible for Groups, Serendipity House, Littleton, CO, 1988.*