

Sermon Notes

Care For God's Children and Go After Them if They Stray

Matthew 18:10-14

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There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.

18:10 The church's responsibility to care for each Christian

“You all must see to it that you do not disregard one of these little ones.”

Disregard = not care for

Why might this happen?

We may be too focused on ourselves.

We blame them for whatever has happened to them.

That's none of my business.

God's care for them is the reason we should care.

God's care demonstrated through the angels, His servants.
(Ref.: Hebrews 1:14)

God wants us to do this work for Him of taking care of His other children, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

18:12 God's care illustrated by the parable of the one stray sheep

If we have the heart of our God, we should go after those astray.

What might it be for a Christian to be “astray”?

Not with the flock

Has fallen victim to false teaching

Practicing sin

18:13 The greater joy of finding (and bringing back)

If a brother is astray, but there are still plenty of people in the church, we shouldn't be satisfied with just hanging with them.

18:14 Our Father does not want one of these little ones lost.

We should care. And we should go after them.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.