

7-Where Two or Three

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INTRO:

I. → **Matthew 18:15-20**

15 "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. 16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'"

→ 17 "If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

*→ 19 "Again, truly I tell you that if **two of you on earth agree about anything** they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where **two or three gather** in my name, there am I with them."*

II. **THE MODERN CHURCH IS ABOUT INDIVIDUALISM**

BODY:

I. **Reconciling Together**

"But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'"

A. The community of believers has the power to restore.

1) **Deuteronomy 19:15**

One witness is not enough to convict anyone accused of any crime or offense they may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

2) **PERSUING RELATIONSHIP BEFORE ENDING IT**

B. Jesus calls us to pursue relationship above all.

1) Getting people to be friendly again

2) **2 Corinthians 5:18-19**

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.

3) **INVICTUS—RECONCILIATION STARTS HERE**

II. Agreeing Together

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven."

A. It takes a spirit of humility to walk in community.

1) Grk (*sumphonéo*) harmony, agreement, accordance

2) **1 Corinthians 11:18-19**

In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it.

3) **LEARNING TO LISTENING PLAYING JAZZ**

B. Restoration is not complete until we are of the same mind.

1) **Romans 12:16**

Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. (KJV)

2) **FINDING THE COMMON DENOMINATORS**

III. Gathering Together

20 "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

A. There is no substitute for proximity of relationship.

1) Grk (*sunágo*) assembly, come together, "synagogue."

2) SPENDING TIME WITH THE GRANDKIDS

3) **Hebrews 10:25**

Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

4) GIVING SCAPPOOSE A RIDE HOME

B. Wherever we gather Jesus blesses us with His presence.

1) **Psalms 133:1,3**

*How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity! . . .
It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.*

2) RETURNING TO ALL-SKATE