

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study

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“Teach Me”
#5 in the series
Wandering Heart:
Figuring Out Faith With Peter

Scripture Text - Matthew 18:15-22 (CEB)
Guest Speaker - Greg Gunderson



1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Think about a teacher for whom you have fond memories and respect for the lessons they taught.
 - What qualities made this person a good teacher?
 - What was the most important thing you learned from this teacher?
3. **Read Matthew 18: 15-17.**

Continuing his teaching ministry along with his disciples, Jesus explains how to respond to someone who has wronged you.

 - How do you respond to the process of confrontation he describes?
 - Why might it be accurate to say this type of intervention takes “true grit”?
 - Have you ever confronted a wrongdoer in this way? What happened?
4. **Read Matthew 18: 18-19.**

Jesus provides assurance and a promise for those who confront a wrongdoer in this way.

 - What did he mean when he said, “whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven”?
 - How does this well-known promise - “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I’m there with them.” - take on additional meaning in light of Jesus’ teaching on confronting a wrongdoer?
5. **Read Matthew 18:20-22.**

Jesus’ teaching about confronting a wrongdoer prompts a second lesson - on forgiveness.

 - Why do you think Peter was so interested in how often he should forgive someone who had wronged him?
 - What is the significance or symbolism of Jesus’ response that he should forgive “seventy-seven times”?
 - Why is it difficult for us to forgive others? Ourselves?
6. How can we pray for you?