Adult Impact Questions

Matthew 18:15-20

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1. Read the first step of conflict resolution in verse 15. Why is it so important that, if possible, conflicts stay between two people? If you were the one who had made the mistake, how would you want someone to treat you?
2. Verse 16 instructs us to get another person involved if you’re unable to resolve it one on one. What type of person should we bring into these scenarios? Why is choosing this person carefully so important to resolving the conflict?
3. Verse 17 tells us to bring this person before the church and potentially even throw them out! Is the Bible telling us to just throw out anyone who makes a mistake? If not, who is the person the Bible is telling us we must cast out? (Hint: Go back and read the beginning of verse 15 again if you need help)
4. Given the type of person described in the last question, why is it so important that the church stand unified in carrying out church discipline in this case? What could happen if behavior like this is simply allowed to stay in the church?
5. Verse 20 makes it clear that unity is vital to the church. Imagine someone comes to you to gossip/complain about someone or something in the church. What are some practical steps that we can take to make sure problems are handled properly and biblically?