Pastor Roy's Sermon on Matthew 18
(December 10, 2025)
—*Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding*—

1. In what specific ways does our culture encourage us to rely on our own understanding rather than trusting God with childlike faith, and how can we actively resist this tendency?

2. Jesus warns that it would be better to have a millstone tied around one's neck than to cause a child to stumble. How does this severe warning shape our responsibility toward protecting and nurturing the faith of young believers?

3. When Jesus says to cut off your hand or pluck out your eye if it causes you to sin, what practical steps can we take to remove stumbling blocks in our lives without taking His words literally?

4. How does the parable of the lost sheep challenge our priorities when it comes to seeking out those who have wandered away from faith, even when it means leaving the ninety-nine?

5. What does it reveal about God's character that He rejoices more over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine who never went astray?

6. In Matthew 18:15-17, Jesus outlines a process for addressing sin within the church. Why do you think many believers avoid this process, and what are the consequences of not following it?

7. Peter suggests forgiving someone seven times, but Jesus responds with seventy times seven. What does this teach us about the limitless nature of forgiveness we are called to extend?

8. The unforgiving servant was forgiven an enormous debt yet refused to forgive a small one. In what ways might we be guilty of the same hypocrisy in our daily relationships?

9. How does understanding the magnitude of our debt to God change our willingness to forgive those who have wronged us in comparatively minor ways?

10. Jesus says that if we do not forgive others from our hearts, our heavenly Father will not forgive us. How does this sobering truth motivate you to examine areas of unforgiveness in your own life?