

Shock Value

Which do you experience more often—sameness OR shock?

Read Matthew 18:1-35.

1. Who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
 - A. Everyone.
 - B. No one.
 - C. Powerful people.
 - D. Humble people.
 - E. Youth.
 - F. Children.
 - G. Church leaders.
 - H. Followers of Jesus.
 - I. Other.

2. What would cause a child to lose faith in Jesus?
 - A. Bad parenting.
 - B. A bad church experience.
 - C. Praying to Jesus and receiving no answer.
 - D. Choosing other options that are available.
 - E. Significant role models losing faith in Jesus.
 - F. Not being able to see or hear Jesus in person.
 - G. Calamity.
 - H. Persistently bad images of Jesus.
 - I. Other.

3. What did Jesus *really* mean about cutting off one's hand/foot (vs. 8-9)?
 - A. Do it (if needed).
 - B. Don't do it; just be willing to do it.
 - C. Don't sin.
 - D. Jesus was using hyperbole (extreme statement for effect).
 - E. Gouge out your eye as well.
 - F. Hell is worse than current disfigurement.
 - G. It's more about causing others to sin than sinning yourself.
 - H. Just get to heaven; Jesus will give you a new body there.
 - I. Other.

4. What's the point of the parable about the lost sheep (vs. 12-14)?

- A. The loss of one is enough to provoke extreme action.
- B. Sheep are stupid.
- C. The 99 sheep aren't as important as the one lost sheep.
- D. The lost sheep gets identified as "one of these little ones."
- E. Heaven and earth rejoice when a lost sheep is found.
- F. Shepherds go anywhere and everywhere to find the lost.
- G. Stay in the sheepfold.
- H. Other.

5. Mark: D=Daily W=Weekly M=Monthly Y=Yearly N = Never
for how often you:

- _____ Experience another believer sinning against you.
- _____ Confront a sinning believer to correct them.
- _____ Find that a confronted believer refuses to confess.
- _____ Take 2-3 believers with you for a second confrontation.
- _____ Take the sinning incident to the church for a decision.
- _____ Talk to someone else about a sinning believer.
- _____ Treat someone who sinned against you like a bad, bad person.
- _____ Other.

6. How often do you forgive someone who keeps sinning against you?

- A. I don't.
- B. Once.
- C. Up to 7 times.
- D. 70 x 7.
- E. I don't keep track.
- F. I say that I don't keep track (but silently I do).
- G. As often as God forgives me.
- H. Other.

7. According to verse 20 (NKJV), "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them." When have you experienced this? When did it not seem to work?

8. What did you find most shocking in this chapter?