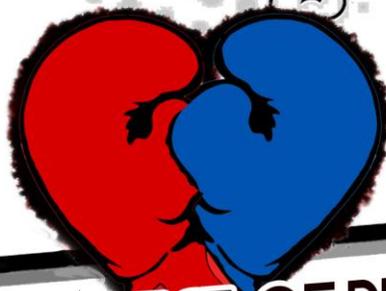


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WEEK 2: THE PRACTICE OF RECONCILIATION
(MATTHEW 18)



Psalm 133:1

How good and pleasant it is when
God's people live together in unity!

Ephesians 4:3

Make every effort to keep the unity of
the Spirit through the bond of peace.



Colossians 3:13

Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.



Matthew 5:9

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

James 4:1-4

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?



Matthew 5:23-24

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.



Matthew 7:5

You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.



Hebrews 12:14-15

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;



Romans 12:18

If possible, so far as it depends on you,
live peaceably with all.

1 Corinthians 13:4

Love is patient and kind; love does not
envy or boast; it is not arrogant...



Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
just as God in Christ forgave you.

FIGURE IT OUT YET?? 😊



Matthew 18:15-20

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



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I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.



Matthew 18:15-20

Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.



Matthew 18:1

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”



James 4:1-3

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel.



James 4:1-3

**You do not have, because you do not ask.
You ask and do not receive, because you
ask wrongly, to spend it on your
passions.**



Matthew 18:2-4

He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.



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“Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”



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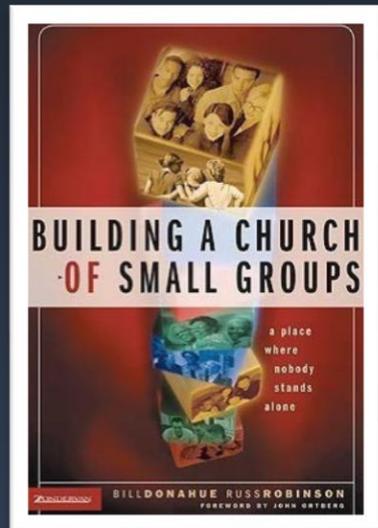
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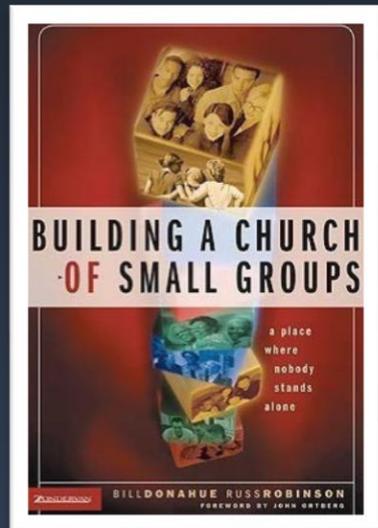


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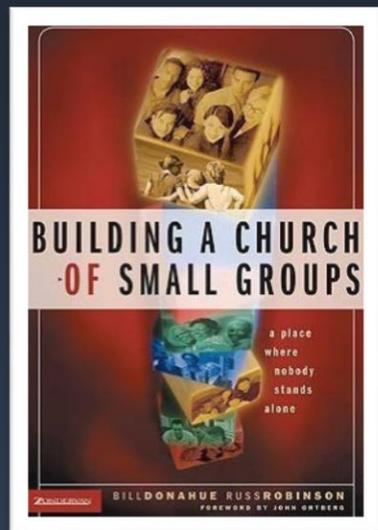
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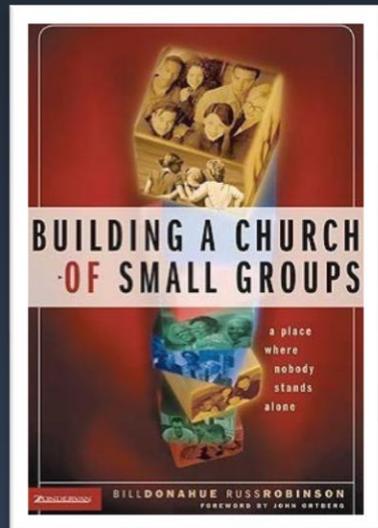
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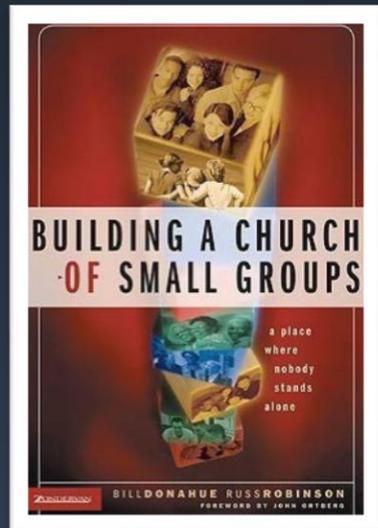
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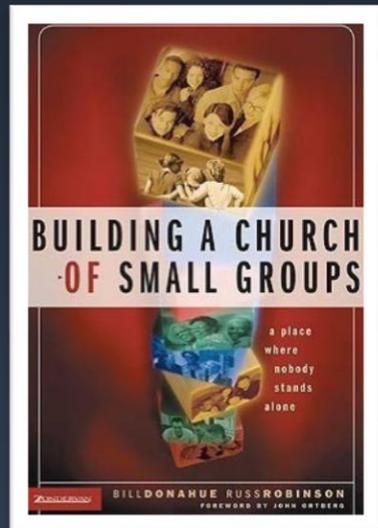
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(DEUTERONOMY 19:15)



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Matthew 18:17a

If he refuses to listen to them (the witnesses), tell it to the church;



Matthew 18:17b

and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.



2 Thessalonians 3:14-15

“If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. **Do not regard him as an enemy but warn him as a brother.**”



Matthew 18:17b

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REMEMBER: JESUS LOVED PAGANS AND TAX COLLECTORS!



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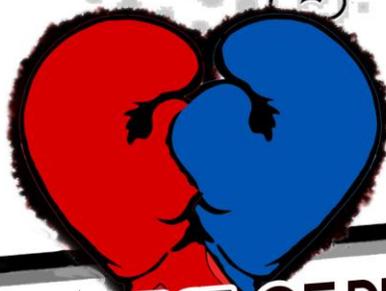
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