

# GOOD NEWS NOTES

*Good News Notes are provided specifically with 4<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> graders in mind to help them follow along with the sermon. Anyone who finds them helpful is welcome to use them.*

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**In his kingdom, Jesus doesn't leave  
any sin by any citizen unaddressed.**

Matthew 18:15–20

In our earthly kingdom called the United States,  
what's one issue where everyone seems to agree?

How does Jesus keep his eye on the behavior of his  
citizens?

**1. Which, at first, might seem like totalitarian  
control.**

The basic steps of Jesus' policy:

- First:
- Second:
- Third:
- Last:

What are some reactions we might have to this policy?

## **2. Which, in reality, is totalitarian love.**

Jesus refers to our fellow Christians as

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus wants us to go to the \_\_\_\_\_ level  
that's effective.

Jesus wants us to go to the \_\_\_\_\_ level  
that's necessary.

Why is someone's verdict true in heaven before we  
would speak it to them here on earth?

What two simple truths make this exactly the policy  
you'd expect from Jesus?

### **For me to remember:**

We can be certain Jesus' love is what prompts him not  
to leave any sin by any citizen unaddressed.