

Unfriending or reclaiming? (Matthew 18:15-20)

This passage has sometimes been seen as a handy way of _____ and _____ of troublesome church members

But the text is far more about _____ than _____. It relates to reclaiming, not rejecting.

Jesus speaks wisdom here to an institution not yet founded but dear to his heart.

Apparently, the _____ in some churches was in danger of being _____ by conflict.

The spirit in which he laid out this process is suggested in the previous passage.

It is as follows:

1. In private, go to the offending party.
2. Make a visit with one or two witnesses.
3. As a last resort, bring the matter before the church.