

**Lesson 5 - The Ministry of the Keys and Confession**  
**Questions and answers - Student Guide**

**Lesson Goal**

The goal of this class is to answer these questions: “What are ‘the keys’?” and “What are the two parts of confession?”

**Pre-Class Preparation**

Read Matthew 18:15-20.

**Think**

What is our motivation for forgiving others? What is the purpose of sometimes excluding people from worship (excommunication)? We will try to answer these questions as we evaluate Matthew 18:15-20.

**Evaluate**

1. Who are the characters in the story?
2. What are the objects in the story?
3. Where did the story happen?
4. When did the story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What happened in the story?
7. Is the problem solved?

**Learn**

8. What is the main theme of the lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson lead you to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in the lesson?
11. What does God teach you to do in the lesson?

**Lead**

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

**Additional Questions**

13. According to Matthew 18, why should we forgive others?
14. Why is our privilege of using the law and the gospel called “the keys”?
15. Let’s read James 5:16 and 2 Corinthians 2:7. According to these verses, what are the two parts of confession?

## Lesson Wrap-Up

16. What are the keys?