

**Sin is Serious (Matthew 18:5-9)**

**Introduction**

- What is the first way in which II Peter 2:22 describes sin?
- And what is the second way?
- How does Matthew 23:27-28 describe sin?
- How does Romans 6:23 describe sin?
- Is that how you see sin?
- Why do you need Jesus' words here?

**i Weaken (v6-7)**

- What does Jesus mean when He speaks about "little ones" here?
- What does the Greek behind the words "causes ... to sin" actually mean?
- So what is Jesus' point here?
- How bad is the fate of those who cause others to sin and do not repent of that?
- What are some ways in which we might cause others to stumble?
- Why is hypocrisy such a danger?
- What should you do if you are guilty of hypocrisy?

**ii Wander (v8-9)**

- Causes to sin can come from outside us. Where else can they come from?

- What sort of language is Jesus using here?
- So what is Jesus' point?
- Give some examples of drastic measures you may have to take against sin.
- Why is that drastic action so important?
- What does Jesus say about hell here?
- Explain the reference to Gehenna in the Greek.
- Which verse shows that hell is not merely physical fire?
- What is the point of all that fire language?
- What should you do if you sin?
- What should you do if you are not a Christian?

### iii Welcome (v5)

- Who is Jesus speaking about in v5?
- Who are we to welcome as Christians?
- Is that true of you?
- What brilliant promise is attached to the verse?
- What hospitality could you show this Easter?