

Sermon: “The Unhackable Key”

Matthew 18:15-20; 5:23-24, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Introduction

- Electronic keycards: familiar features
- The downside of keycards

I. The power of keys

- ○ Jesus talked about keys in Matthew 16:13 “Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven”

II. The keys in resolving conflict

- ○ Conflict happens more often than we like to admit
- ○ Jesus offers a very carefully staged process
- ○ There are three keys-used in many Christian churches
- ○ The power of the keys comes directly from Jesus
- ○ The Lord’s Supper is one way we deal with conflict and our sinfulness

III. How to initiate/offer resolution: Matthew 5:23-24

- ○ Here Jesus speaks to you as the wrong doer
- ○ In both passages it is your responsibility to seek reconciliation
- ○ Mend the rift-heal the relationship

IV. Us versus Them

- ○ Another way of looking at it
- ○ Bottom line: It takes two people working together to resolve the problem

Epilogue

- ◆ What’s the motivation to be reconciled?
- ◆ God has taken the initiative in our broken relationship with Him
- ◆ Reconciliation: Head 🗝️ Heart 🗝️ Hand = Result!
- ◆ Jesus is the Unhackable Key