

SERMON NOTES: June 07, 2026

CHILDLIKE: Your Place in The Kingdom

Matthew 18:1-9

I. ACTING like a child - 18:1

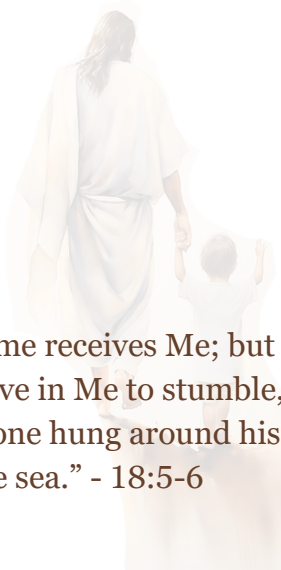
II. INSTRUCTED by a child - 18:2-4

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a child to Himself and set him before them, - 18:1-2

III. CONNECTED like a child - 18:5-7

IV. PREVENTED like a child - 18:8-9

“And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.” - 18:5-6



Life Group Study Questions

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1. Kids are an amazing mix of sweet and selfish. How have you seen this truth played out in your own life?

2. What does the question the disciples' ask reveal about them, especially given the context of when they ask? How are we like them?

3. Jesus brings a little toddler before His disciples as a visual illustration. Describe a time when "a picture was worth a thousand words" helped you see your own brokenness.

4. What does it mean to be "converted and become like children?" What does true conversion include and why must it be done like a child?

5. To humble yourself means to get low. Jesus says that those who get lowest are the greatest in His kingdom. Where else in Scripture do we see this principle? Who is the greatest example of it, and why?

6. The believer who has become childlike is connected to Christ in incredible ways. What does Jesus mean when He says, "Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me" ?

7. Why is the punishment for causing a child of God to stumble so severe? How do you react when someone hurts your child? What if He is the only begotten of the Father?

8. Jesus makes it clear that the greatest danger to the child of God is sin. Why is it the worst thing ever?

9. Dealing with sin should be a top priority for the believer. We should think of this as more important than other priorities. How do you teach, demonstrate, and explained this to a child? How do you live it yourself?