

Strive for a "Little" Greatness
Sermon Based Discussion (June 2, 2013)
Sermon Series: Just a "Little"

WARM UP

1. From our adult perspectives, what's so great about being a kid? Or what do you miss most about being a little kid?

When we're little kids, maybe we couldn't wait to grow up and do "grown up" things like drive a car, get a job, or get married. But as adults, maybe we've had days when we wished we were kids again. In this session, Jesus actually commands his followers to become like little children... again.

INTO THE BIBLE

(Read Matthew 18:1-4)

2. Does Jesus approve or disapprove of his disciples' concern for greatness in the kingdom of heaven?

UNDERSTANDING

3. Does being a child mean we should be like children in every way? For example, should we be naïve and ignorant?
4. In what ways does Christ want his disciples to be like little children?
5. Why does Jesus say that being like a little child is a matter of spiritual life and death (i.e., a matter of getting into the kingdom of heaven at all)

DIFFERENCE

In the sermon, Pastor Enoch described three expectations of children during Jesus' time:

- children were expected to learn
- children did tasks regardless of how impressive they may or may not have been
- children loved to receive gifts.

6. Which of these three areas relate to you and your life?

7. Which of these three areas are easier for you? Which are harder? Please elaborate.

APPLICATION

8. What is one way you could be more like a little child in your life?

FOR REFLECTION

"Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

(Matthew 18:4, ESV)