



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **“The Greatest in the Kingdom” (Matthew 18:1-6)**

Date: **February 14, 2021**

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the sermon and the Bible passage this week?
2. Why do the disciples ask this question in verse 1? How does the disciples' question in verse 1 reveal the pride in their hearts?
3. The disciples quickly go from thinking about the suffering of Jesus to wanting to have a place of prominence in the kingdom. How do Christians today reflect the attitude of the disciples here in the way they approach suffering and church life? Instead of fighting against it, how can we seek to embrace the suffering Christ might call us to?
4. How does Jesus answer the question asked to him by his disciples? Explain his answer and why he uses a child as an example. What is Jesus inferring about his disciples?
5. How do we “become like children,” (v. 3)? What does it mean to have child-like faith?
6. What kind of child is he talking about in verses 5-6? How do we know this?
7. What does it mean to “*receive* one such child,” in verse 5? What activities might be involved in receiving a child in this way?
8. What are some examples of how people might become a stumbling block to those who have child-like faith? According to verse 6, what happens to people who stand in the way of child-like faith?
9. What can we do to avoid this and instead seek to cultivate child-like faith in our own lives and in the lives of others?