



Childlike, Not Childish

WK 71 Mt. 18:1-9, Mark 9:30-37

WARM UP: Which would best describe you as a child: “Little angel” or “Holy terror”? Why?

The Bible has a lot to say about children and for good reason. God loves them and has assigned his angels to watch over them. I like that. After all, He created each and every one of them for himself. He entrusts them into our care for a season of time so that one day we reintroduce them to the One who made them.

The world into which Jesus came didn’t place much value in children and the world in which we live today hasn’t changed much in that aspect either. In doing so, we have missed some of the important things that we can learn from them when it comes to matters of faith. Thankfully, Jesus did and often time he would use them as a positive example of what they have to teach us about how one needs to relate to God.

READ ABOUT IT: Matt. 18:1-9, Mark 9:30-37

1. Why would the disciples be concerned about who was the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven? What happened just prior to this according to Mark 9:30-34?
2. As a disciple, how would you have felt when Jesus asked about the argument on the road?
3. How does the world define “greatness” and how is it measured? How does Jesus’ definition of greatness differ from the world’s or your own?
4. Have you ever used your relationship with Christ to achieve status, power, or favor in a given circumstance? How did that turn out and how did it reflect on Christ?
5. What childlike qualities is Jesus by taking a kid and placing him in the center of their circle? Why is this quality so important for Jesus’ kingdom?
6. Who are the “little ones” in verses 12-14? Are they children in a physical sense or a spiritual one or possibly both?
7. Why is causing a “child” to sin such a serious offense?
8. Although evil is inevitable in the world, how are we still responsible for other’s spiritual welfare?
9. What childlike quality do you need to recapture?