



Part 2: Humility

Adults have more problems than kids do. More pressure, more stress, more expectations. Kids spend a lot of years growing and becoming adults but Jesus says, if we want to receive his kingdom, we need to become more like children.

Scripture: Matthew 18:1-4

Bottom Line: Take Jesus more seriously. Take yourself less seriously.

Discussion Questions

1. When you were growing up, were there things that you really looked forward to doing when you got old enough (e.g. dating, getting a driver's license, etc.)? Now that you are an adult, are there ways that you wish you could be a kid again? Describe some of the differences in responsibilities, experiences, and emotions between being a child and being an adult.
2. Read Matthew 18:1-4. The disciples are arguing about who is the greatest. What are some of the ways in which we try to prove our greatness? What are some of the positive and negative consequences of seeking to be great in these ways?
3. Jesus says that if we want to enter his kingdom, we need to become like children. What is the kingdom of heaven? What do you think someone's experience is like if they are part of this kingdom?
4. What are some of the characteristics of children that you think Jesus wants us to embody? In what ways do you think Jesus does not want us to be like children?
5. How would you describe the life of someone who is truly humble? Can you think of a time when you witnessed someone living out a truly humble lifestyle? Share a story and talk about the characteristics that help us to identify the virtue of humility as it appears in someone's life.
6. Often times, humble people have high degrees of peace and satisfaction in their lives. Why do you think this is? What are some of the pressures/stresses that can be alleviated by having a humble attitude?

Moving Forward

On Sunday Pastor Dave mentioned 3 steps that could help us towards humility: 1) Never Pretend. 2) Never Presume. 3) Never Push. Did any of these resonate with you? Is there another 'step' that you can think of that would be helpful for you? Describe a situation in your life in which one or more of these would help you to experience the humility of a child.