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CHILDLIKE FAITH
Matthew 18

Big Idea: What does it mean to have a childlike faith?

Outline:

1. Success and Power in the world
Versus in the kingdom of God
2. The lens with which we view the world
As the world teaches us or how God tells us
3. We are meant to be conduits
It is not just about how we are acting but also how we are teaching
4. The hope of the promise
God seeks the lost

Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. *What does success mean to you?*
2. *What are some of the filters that you view the world through?*
3. *What is a childlike quality that you would like to practice this week?*

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4. *Who in your life is a conduit for you?*
 - a. *Who's life and work open you up to delightful possibility?*
 - b. *Who expands you?*
 - c. *What are the ingredients of their life that speak most deeply to you?*
5. *How can you be a conduit of God's love for others this week?*

May we be a community that seeks to be childlike. May we find joy in the everyday, see the world around us with awe and wonder, and never cease to ask questions and grow. May we be people who contribute to the light of those around us. May we be a conduit of light.

A disciple of Jesus is someone who is following Jesus, is being changed by Jesus, and is committed to the mission of Jesus. (Matthew 4:19)

Discovery Bible Study Method for Groups or Individuals

(for more information on this method of Bible study- see <https://www.dbsguide.org>)

1. **Talk:** *To begin the study, each person answers these questions:*
 - *What are you thankful for?*
 - *What is causing you stress?*
 - *Who needs our help? How can this group help them?*
2. **Look Back** *(session 2+)*
 - *Retell story from the previous meeting.*
 - *What did you do differently because of this story?*
 - *Who did you tell and what was the reaction?*
3. **Read & Re-tell**
 - *One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.*
 - *Someone else retells the passage by memory, if possible. Others can fill in what is missing.*
4. **Look**
 - *Read the passage again.*
 - *Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.*
5. **Look again**
 - *Read the passage once more*
 - *Discuss what this passage says about humans*
 - *Discuss what this passage says about being a disciple of Jesus*
6. **Inside me**
 - *According to this study, what am I doing well?*
 - *What do I need to change?*
7. **Who else?**
 - *Who needs to hear this story?*
 - *How can I tell them?*
 - *Who can I invite to study the Bible?*