



## **Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions**

Topic: *Recognizing the Value of Children*

Service Date(s): April 28, 2024

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

### **Getting Started**

- What did you want to be growing up? What changed over time?

### **Sermon Discussion**

- Can you think of something in your youth (under the age of 18) that you look back on and say, "What was I thinking?"
- Paul talked in the sermon about the innocence of children. At what point do you think children begin to lose their innocence?
- The sermon discussed children (and adults) having wonder in their lives. How can we help kids keep the wonder of God in their lives? How can we, as adults, keep cynicism out of our lives and keep the wonder in our own lives?
- Why is it so important for a church to "pour into" children and youth? What would happen if the focus was only on adults and not developing the faith of those in a church who are younger? Instead of considering them the generation of today, could they be considered the generation of today and play an active role in the church?
- If you have been following Jesus for many years, what differences have you seen in families that keep Jesus at the center of everything they do vs. families who may only attend church on a Sunday but have no other commitment to Him?

- Matthew 18:3, “And He said: ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.’” What do you think Jesus meant? How can we then apply this to our lives?
- Mark 9:15, “As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet Him.” Why do more individuals not get excited about spending time with Jesus each day? How can we help others become more excited in their faith?

**Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?**

We'd love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village's values is “Stories of Life Change”. Visit [tri-village.org/yourstory](http://tri-village.org/yourstory) and share how God worked.