

Sunday Message: May 9, 2021

Meet Jesus | Children Welcome, Luke 18:15-17

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## Reflection Questions

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Concerning Christianity in our culture today, the positive concept of a childlike faith is often confused with the negative notion of a childish faith. How would you describe the difference between these two types of faith?

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In the message this week we learned that children are:

- a) authentic in their own identity
- b) excited and hopeful for the future
- c) unafraid to demand attention from their parents
- d) unabashedly affectionate and in awe of their parents
- e) assured of acceptance by their parents

As it pertains to your relationship with God the Father, which one of these childlike postures could you use a little more of in your own life? Why did you pick this posture?

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What is one action you could take this week in order to foster the childlike posture you chose?

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*The primary translation used on Sunday mornings is the ESV. The corresponding notes in the ESV Study Bible are helpful when reflecting on the questions below.*

For an excellent study resource consider buying Grant Osborne's user-friendly commentary on Luke: Grant Osborne, *Luke Verse by Verse* (Bellingham: Lexham Press, 2018).

### Text Exploration Questions

**Read Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17. Take notes or discuss using the questions below.**

- Compare all the passages above and help create a full picture of the scene presented to us.
  - Who is bringing the young ones to Jesus?
  - Who are the young ones being brought to Jesus? What ages?
  - What was the purpose of them being presented to Jesus?  
Any cultural factors to consider?
  - How do the passages correspond and differ?
- What is the trigger for Jesus to say something (Mark 10:13)? Who is being rebuked?
- In what ways is the kingdom of God for children? Does this mean that they are automatically in heaven? Why must we be like a child to inherit the kingdom?
- What is the main point that Jesus is trying to make? Discuss Danny's sermon and the application questions and create a brief statement on what it means for us to have a childlike faith. Define it as clearly as you can. Lean into the previous application question as you discuss.
- How does childlike faith relate to acceptance of the gospel and living as a disciple of Jesus?