

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?