

THE GOSPEL OF  
**MATTHEW**

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**Key Scripture:** Matthew 19:13-30

**Faith Like a Child**

**A welcoming attitude toward children**

- 1) Children are **blessings** to be received, not **burdens** to be avoided.
- 2) We strive to **unite** generations within the church.

**What does it mean to have faith like a child?**

- 1) We recognize our utter **dependence** on God.
- 2) We **freely** receive God's gift of salvation.
- 3) We **trust** God with our lives.

*"But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves."*

Luke 22:26

## Questions to Consider

- 1) Do I have a welcoming attitude toward children or do I tend to find them burdensome or a nuisance?
- 2) Am I connected with any children in the church? How can I help them be more fully integrated into the whole church body? (*Your own children and grandchildren count and are most important*)
- 3) When you look to God for salvation, do you come as a child with nothing to give and depend fully on Him?
- 4) Does your trust in God resemble that of a child or a skeptical adult?

## Scripture to Pray

"And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves."

**Luke 22:25-27**

## From the Resources

Involvement in all-church worship during high school is more consistently linked with mature faith in both high school and college than any other form of church participation ... By far, the number one way churches made the teens in our survey feel welcomed and valued was when adults in the congregation showed an interest in them.

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