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**Jesus Talks**  
*Ideas Worth Spreading*

**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

**[Matthew 18:1-6]**

About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?"

<sup>2</sup> Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. <sup>3</sup> Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and **become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.** <sup>4</sup> So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

<sup>5</sup> "And **anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me.** <sup>6</sup> But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.

**[MARK 10:13-15]**

<sup>13</sup> One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him.

<sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, "**Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom**

of God belongs to **those who are like these children.** <sup>15</sup> I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

### **[MARK 10: 16 (AMP)]**

And He took the children [one by one] in His arms and blessed them [with kind, encouraging words], placing His hands on them.

What can we learn from children and apply it to our relationship with God:

- Little children are **hungry for knowledge**
- Little Children **live with no shame**
- Little children **trust completely**
- Little children are **not prejudice or condescending**
- Little children **love easily and do not carry offenses-**
- Little children **possess a true faith in their father!**
- Little children are **not afraid or embarrassed to cry for help**

### **[Matthew 18:3]**

"...Unless **you turn (repent) and become** like little children you will never enter"

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What are some of your favorite Jesus quotes?
2. What are some of your favorite childhood memories?
3. Why do you think Jesus gave such a grave warning about what happens to those who lead children astray?
4. Take a survey in your group and ask how old they were when they excepted Christ as their Savior.
5. What child like attributes do you need to embrace when it comes to your approach to God?

6. Why are children so much more willing to accept Christ for who he is than adults?
7. Spend some time worshipping God as a child would, full of expectation and listening for His voice.