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'Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?'

Matthew 18:1

Readings: Matthew 17:1-9, 18:1-5

What do you make of the disciples question?

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?'

What do you make of Jesus' answer?

⁴ Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

HOW TO BE THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

BECOME LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN 18:1-4

² He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. ³ And he said: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

You must be born again (check out John 3:3)

What is the new birth?

Are you born again?

WHO WELCOME GOD'S CHILDREN 18:5-35

⁵ And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

If we have been born again, passed from death to live, become one of His children, (Check out 1 John 3:14) we will be increasingly:

- *Selflessly caring* **6-9**
- *Faithfully restoring* **15-20**
- *Joyfully rescuing* **10-14**
- *Countlessly forgiving* **21-35**

“Even when sin and misunderstanding burden the communal life, is not the sinning brother still a brother, with whom I, too, stand under the Word of Christ? Will not his sin be a constant occasion for me to give thanks that both of us may live in the forgiving love of God in Jesus Christ? Thus the very hour of disillusionment with my brother becomes incomparably salutary because it so teaches me that neither of us can live by our own words and deeds, but only that ONE WORD AND DEED which really binds us together - the forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ” [Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Life Together]

Do you love God’s children?

BY BEHOLDING JESUS’ GLORY 17:1-8

17 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

Seeing and Savouring Jesus’ Victories

Hearing and Obeying God’s Voice

Are you beholding Jesus’ glory? Are you listening to Him?

Questions For Our Growth Groups

1. What stood out to you most from the message and why?
2. Why is it essential to be born again? And how would you explain to someone what it means to be born again? Check out John 3:1-3, Matthew 19:28 and 1 Corinthians 5:17
3. What do you find to be the most challenging area of loving God’s children (18:5-35)? And how can we encourage one another to grow in loving each other in Jesus’ church?
4. How does beholding Jesus’ glory and hearing God’s voice, transform us to be more like Him. And how should we help a brother or sister who is struggling to see and savour Jesus’ glory?