



Children, Change, and Christ

Matthew 19:13-15

A. Introduction

- 1) A Young couple becomes a young family
- 2) Current Church Events

B. Jesus Teaches

- 1) Let the children come to me (Mat. 19:13-15)
- 2) Protect children (Mat. 18:1-6)
- 3) Be born again (John 3:1-6)

C. What stops us from connecting like Christ

- 1) Words
- 2) Time
- 3) Selfishness
- 4) Wisdom (Wise in our own eyes)
- 5) Unbelief (Mat. 9:35-38)

D. Be like Christ

- 1) Love
- 2) Be Available
- 3) Protect

Matthew 19:13-15 Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, 14 but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." 15 And he laid his hands on them and went away.

Matthew 18:1-6 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea

John 3:1-6 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Matthew 9:35-38 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Psalms 25:4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Discussion Questions

1. How has the presence of children in your life impacted you?
2. Read Matthew 18:3-4. The New Life Application Study Bible tells you to ask yourself: in what areas of your life do you tend to struggle with childishness? In what ways are you making progress with childlikeness?
3. Read Matthew 18:6. Have your words or actions ever made a child feel anything less than loved? Confess, repent, ask God to help you going forward, and praise Him for His faithfulness.
4. Pray for God to open your eyes to the world that is around you. That the things that rob you of being Christlike would be removed. Pray that you would live with the heart and faith of a little child and with the wisdom of an old saint.