

Message Outline

CP the Sequel: Kiddy Kingdom

Matthew 18:1-4




Intro: Rebranding roller coasters with Bible characters...

- Best Day experience...Kiddy Kingdom!
- God's Kingdom is a Kiddy Kingdom...

v.1—Disciples wanting a ranking...greatness in God's Kingdom.

v.2-4—Jesus response: God's Kingdom is a Kiddy Kingdom, and true greatness begins with humbleness!

- Learning from little ones... 

Baby Steps to Becoming Like Children

a) Not childish in our _____

- Using minds to serve our Maker (cf. 1Cor.14:20, Mt.10:16).

b) Not childish in our _____

- Growing and going to maturity in our faith (cf. 1Cor.3:1-4, Heb.5:11-14).

1) _____ v.2a

- God initiated the relationship (Jn.6:44, 1Jn.4:19, Lk.19:10, Ezek.34:11-12).

2) _____ v.2b

- Part of responding is posturing... "in the midst." (cf. Mt.16:16-19, Ezek.34:11-15).

3) _____ v.3a

- Turning in the form of repenting (cf. Mt.4:17, Lk.13:3, 15:10, Acts 3:19).

4) _____ v.3a

- John 3 and becoming childlike...

v.1-2: Not in religion or right talk...

v.3: The need for new birth...

v.4-8: Holy Spirit's work in conceiving new life (cf. Jn.7:37-39).

v.9-16: We become children of God when we come to God's Son! (cf.

Gal.3:26, Jn.1:12-13).

Small Group Reflection Questions

(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

Read: Acts 4

**What do you observe about the early church in Acts?*

**What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

**Since we are all adults now, what do you miss most about being a kid? Why do you think Jesus said we should be like a child?*

**Jesus pointed to a child as an illustration of His Kingdom. Can you think of a time when someone compared you to someone else that was positive? What about when someone compared you to someone else that was negative?*

**Share your "baby steps to belief." In other words, when did God become real to you?*

**In what ways do you think you should be more "childlike" in your faith?*

**Can you think of a time a child made you think more clearly about God or His Kingdom?*

**When we think of someone who is humble, what comes to mind?*