



message notes

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"The Measure of Greatness"
Matthew 18:1-5

Childlike vulnerability, trust and joy lead to greatness.

Matthew 18:1 - At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

Matthew 20:21 - "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

Luke 22:24 - A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.

1. The greatest in your kingdom?

- God's way
- Already/not yet

Luke 17:20-21 - One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, "When will the Kingdom of God come?" Jesus replied, "The Kingdom of God can't be detected by visible signs. You won't be able to say, 'Here it is!' or 'It's over there!' For the Kingdom of God is already among you."

Matthew 6:10 - "Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 18:2 - Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them.

2. Radical reorientation

Matthew 18:3 - 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."

"Turn" - Jewish idea of repentance.

Become like little children.

- Dependence (vulnerability) (weak)
- Trust
- Joy (wonder)