
A Year in the Word

A Year in the Word: Part 13

Small Group Questions: How to Act Like Kids

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Read

Matthew 7:7–11 and 19:13–15; Deuteronomy 24:1; James 4:2 and 5:13–16; 2 Samuel 6:14; and Luke 5:29–32

Reflect

Large crowds followed Jesus wherever he went. People brought little children to him to bless them on the night before the Day of Atonement. The disciples thought of the children as disruptions, but Jesus rebuked them, saying to let the children come to him—that the Kingdom of Heaven belonged to them. The closest we can get to heaven on earth is in seeing through the eyes of a child—to be child-like rather than childish. How do you picture heaven?

Pastor Greg highlights several ways we can learn to act like a kid (in a good way):

1. Children aren't afraid to ask for what they want.
 - a. When do you think we lose the confidence to ask God for what we want?
 - i. Personally, what might've been some of the causes? Doubt? Disappointment? Hurt?
 - b. What stops you now from asking God for something? Review the following and see which most applies to you and those you love.
 - i. Are you embarrassed? Feel unworthy? Does it seem too trivial to involve God? Explain.
 - ii. Is it fear that you may receive a "no" from God?
 - c. In the above, try to recognize how the enemy works to get you off track. Can you identify ways?
 - i. Think of a time when God delivered something better than you initially asked for.
 - d. When was the last time you approached God as your father and asked for something?
 - i. In what ways have you relied on yourself instead? What were the results?
 - e. What do you need to ask God for right now?
2. Children see life as an adventure.
 - a. On a scale of 1 – 10 (10 highest), how much does what others think hinder your actions?
 - b. When was the last time you just went for it? What would uninhibited worship look like to you?
3. Children let others know when they are hurting.
 - a. How hard is it to admit you need help? How might you mislabel need as weakness or failure?
 - b. Do you have a safe place where you can share? A person you trust?
 - i. Have you ever shared something vulnerable and no one else did? How did you feel?
 - c. How confident are you that God has the ability to pull off whatever you need? Are you having a hard time trusting God again?
 - i. What are a few baby steps you could take toward him right now?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?