

read + listen + respond



Who is the Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?

Matthew 18:1-14

Observations about children:



Ways to know if you have humbled yourself like a child:

- You welcome the “little ones” as you would Jesus.
- You feel the weight of your sin’s impact on the “little ones.”
- You invest in the “little ones” as precious to the Father.

Getting Started: Make a list of people we call great in our current culture. What insight does this give you into how we define greatness?

Digging In: What does it mean to “humble yourself like a child?” What promise does Jesus give to those who do this? Why is humility so important in Jesus’ kingdom? What insight do these verses give on how to humble yourself (Lk 18:9-14; 2 Cor 11:7; Php 2:6-11; James 4:4-10; 1 Peter 5:5-6)? Why is causing a child to sin such a serious offense? What does Matt 7-10 say about your responsibility for the spiritual welfare of others? Why do you think Jesus felt it necessary to say “do not despise”? (see Isa 61:1; Lk 4:18; 1 Cor 1:26-29). What does the illustration of the lost sheep say about the value of the little ones to the Father?

Living It Out: What humble attribute of a child do you sense you need more of? Tell your story of humbling yourself and trusting Jesus to give you access into the Kingdom of heaven. What people in your world would Jesus say are the “little ones”? How have you seen your sin impact another person? Have you asked God for forgiveness and made amends with that person? Will you? This week, how will you welcome and/or invest in someone Jesus would consider a “little one”?

read + listen + respond



Who is the Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?

Matthew 18:1-14

Observations about children:



Ways to know if you have humbled yourself like a child:

- You welcome the “little ones” as you would Jesus.
- You feel the weight of your sin’s impact on the “little ones.”
- You invest in the “little ones” as precious to the Father.

Getting Started: Make a list of people we call great in our current culture. What insight does this give you into how we define greatness?

Digging In: What does it mean to “humble yourself like a child?” What promise does Jesus give to those who do this? Why is humility so important in Jesus’ kingdom? What insight do these verses give on how to humble yourself (Lk 18:9-14; 2 Cor 11:7; Php 2:6-11; James 4:4-10; 1 Peter 5:5-6)? Why is causing a child to sin such a serious offense? What does Matt 7-10 say about your responsibility for the spiritual welfare of others? Why do you think Jesus felt it necessary to say “do not despise”? (see Isa 61:1; Lk 4:18; 1 Cor 1:26-29). What does the illustration of the lost sheep say about the value of the little ones to the Father?

Living It Out: What humble attribute of a child do you sense you need more of? Tell your story of humbling yourself and trusting Jesus to give you access into the Kingdom of heaven. What people in your world would Jesus say are the “little ones”? How have you seen your sin impact another person? Have you asked God for forgiveness and made amends with that person? Will you? This week, how will you welcome and/or invest in someone Jesus would consider a “little one”?

**read + listen
+ respond**



Reading Plan

For September 20 – October 30

2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19	20 Matt 18	21 Matt 19	22 Matt 20:1-16	23 Matt 20:17-34	24 Matt 21:1-32	25 Matt 21:33-46
26	27 Matt 22	28 Matt 23:1-14	29 Matt 23:15-39	30 Matt 24:1-28	OCTOBER 1 Matt 24:29-51	2 Matt 25:1-30
3	4 Matt 25:31-46	5 Matt 26:1-29	6 Matt 26:30-75	7 Matt 27:1-31	8 Matt 27:32-66	9 Matt 28
10	11 Heb 1-2	12 Heb 3:1-6	13 Heb 3:7-5:10	14 Heb 5:11-6:20	15 Heb 7	16 Heb 8
17	18 Heb 9	19 Heb 10	20 Heb 11:1-15	21 Heb 11:16-40	22 Heb 12	23 Heb 13
24	25 James 1	26 James 2	27 James 3	28 James 4-5	29 John 1:1-28	30 John 1:29-51

Visit our main page at www.northwestbible.org/read-listen-respond to see daily posts, to sign up to receive posts through email, and to find more resources to aid your reading.

**read + listen
+ respond**



Reading Plan

For September 20 – October 30

2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19	20 Matt 18	21 Matt 19	22 Matt 20:1-16	23 Matt 20:17-34	24 Matt 21:1-32	25 Matt 21:33-46
26	27 Matt 22	28 Matt 23:1-14	29 Matt 23:15-39	30 Matt 24:1-28	OCTOBER 1 Matt 24:29-51	2 Matt 25:1-30
3	4 Matt 25:31-46	5 Matt 26:1-29	6 Matt 26:30-75	7 Matt 27:1-31	8 Matt 27:32-66	9 Matt 28
10	11 Heb 1-2	12 Heb 3:1-6	13 Heb 3:7-5:10	14 Heb 5:11-6:20	15 Heb 7	16 Heb 8
17	18 Heb 9	19 Heb 10	20 Heb 11:1-15	21 Heb 11:16-40	22 Heb 12	23 Heb 13
24	25 James 1	26 James 2	27 James 3	28 James 4-5	29 John 1:1-28	30 John 1:29-51

Visit our main page at www.northwestbible.org/read-listen-respond to see daily posts, to sign up to receive posts through email, and to find more resources to aid your reading.