

Diving Deeper into Discipleship

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Faith Like a Child: Kids and the Kingdom

Sermon Reflection Questions:

- Is there an area of growth that you've been struggling with lately? Why might you be having trouble trusting the teaching of Jesus?
- When someone gives you something, from a passing compliment to an extravagant gift, how do you respond? Is it a challenge for you to receive?
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you receive the kingdom like a child: to accept the limits of your own power, to submit to the authority of Christ, and to trust beyond your ability to understand.

Devotional Reading and Reflection

- **1 Samuel 16:1-13** | What similarities are there between how David is treated in this story and how Jesus' disciples treated the children in Mark 10?
- **2 Corinthians 12:1-10** | What does this passage teach us about recognizing, and even boasting about, the limits of our own power?
- **Proverbs 3:5-6** | In what ways have you been "leaning on your own understanding" instead of placing trust in God, especially in areas beyond your understanding?

Weekly Spiritual Practice

Faith Like a Child | "Asking Questions" (from *Four Ways Children Do Faith Better Than Adults* by Stephen Mattson)

- Nobody asks more — or better — questions than children. "Who?" "What?" "Where?" "When?" and "Why?" are expressions patented by kids everywhere. They're obnoxiously curious and want to know everything about everything.
- They aren't afraid to ask the most difficult and messy questions. Too often we mistake spiritual maturity for certainty, and lose our thirst for discovery. Kids remind us how to approach God — truthfully, stubbornly, inquisitively, and tirelessly.
- This week, take a piece of paper, or create a new note on your phone, and make an unedited list of questions you have for God. They can be big or small. They can be serious or light-hearted. List as many as you'd like. Don't approach this practice with an expectation of receiving answers, though the Spirit can certainly speak to you in the process. But, often, simply asking questions of God will encourage a deeper trust in Him.