

LIFE Group Guide

Dependence

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THE ORCHARD

Read: Matthew 18:1-8

Outline:

What is childlike faith?

Childlike faith is not naïve faith.

Childlike faith is not immature faith.

Childlike faith depends on God. **(v. 3)**

Childlike faith is humble before others. **(v. 4)**

Childlike faith is obedient to the Father. **(vv. 8-9)**

What kind of community does childlike faith produce?

A welcoming community **(v. 5)**

A holy community **(vv. 6-9)**

A compassionate community **(vv. 10-14)**

Discussion Questions

1. What encouraged, nourished, or challenged you from this sermon? The scripture passage?
2. Childlike faith is not the same as childish faith. How would you define childlike-faith as opposed to a childish-faith?
3. What are some important ways that Christians depend on God? What practices or habits regularly demonstrate or remind us of our dependence on God?
4. Why is humility before others a reflection of our faith in Jesus? What is a practical way you need to pursue humility in your life?
5. Obedience to God is not a pre-requisite to faith, but it is a product of genuine faith. Why do you think Jesus speaks so strongly against sin and leading other into sin? Are there areas of your life where you need to take your sin/obedience more seriously?
6. Childlike faith should produce a new kind of community. What kind of community do you think our church excels at? What is one way that we need to grow as a kingdom community?