

Sermon Notes –

“The Greatest”

Matthew 18:1–20

- 1) Jesus redirects the disciples from focus on themselves to focus on the little ones.

Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

-Matthew 18:4

- 2) We are challenged to care for children by welcoming, protecting, seeking, and reconciling with them.

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second one is like it. ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

-Matthew 22:37-39

- 3) When we clamor for greatness, we are still children.
God still cares for us. We can still call out to him in every need.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ... If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”

-Matthew 7:7-9, 11