Part 1 - Matthew 18:1 -4
Disciples & Dumb Questions

- Discussion questions to get us thinking:
  - When we think of “worldly greatness” who comes to mind and why?
  - When we think of “The Church” who do we think of as the greatest?
  - What is our perception of children?
  - How does the role of children in our world today differ from the role of children in a farming family a few generations ago?
  - What characteristics do we attribute to children?
  - How does the role of a healthy child differ from the role of a severely handicapped child in the world we live in?
  - In the “world” we live when we think of caretaking for the poor and needy where does the responsibility fall?

- Read Matthew 18:1 -4
Follow up questions

- What was the perception of children in the time of Christ?

- How do we miss the words of Christ?

- What does it mean to get into the reign of God?

- Who gets the center of attention in the "world"?

- Who gets the center of attention in the "Kingdom of God"?

Read Matthew 5:1 -12

5:3 - Nothing to offer God
5:4 - Leads to mourning
5:5 - Powerlessness
5:6 - Look to God
5:7 - Through God's mercy towards us we are merciful
5:8 - By Christ's grace our hearts are made pure
5:9 - We share the Gospel
5:10 -12 - Christ's love give our life focus

- Who is the greatest in Christ's Church today?