

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?