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Title: Next Gen Takeover: What Does It Mean to Have Child-Like Faith?

Scripture: John 7:37-38, Matthew 18:3-4

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Having child-like faith means growing in humble dependence, steady obedience, and joyful awareness of Christ

Humble Dependence:

Matthew 18:3-4 ESV

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Steady Obedience:

1 Peter 1:14-16 ESV

14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

Joyful Awareness:

John 15:11 ESV

11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

May 10, 2026 - Group Questions

Getting to Know You Questions:

1. When you think of your faith in Jesus, would you describe it as “child-like”? What makes sense about that phrase and what is confusing to you about it?

Into the Bible Questions:

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2. Jesus says, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.” What do you think it means to be spiritually thirsty?

3. How is what Jesus offers different from the “fountain of youth” idea described in the message?

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4. Why do you think Jesus connects childlikeness with humility and dependence?

5. What are some ways we tend to rely on ourselves instead of God as we get older?

6. What would it practically look like for you to depend on Jesus like a child this week?

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7. The message talks about obedience leading to growth. Why do you think obedience to God can sometimes feel difficult or undesirable?

8. Can you think of a time when obeying God led to something good in your life (even if it was hard at first)?

9. What is one area of your life right now where God might be calling you to greater obedience?

Application Question:

1. What is one practical step you can take this week to “come to Jesus and drink” (prayer, Scripture, surrender, etc.)?

2. How can this group help each other grow in childlike faith?