

Sunday Centerpoint

Key Takeaway:

1. Childlike faith isn't blind or ignorant faith - It's not an excuse to avoid understanding God, Scripture, or Christianity more deeply.
2. Childlike faith is about wanting God more, not knowing less - Just as toddlers constantly ask "why?" to understand their world, we should pursue deeper knowledge of God.
3. Children naturally desire to be with their parents - True childlike faith means craving God's presence throughout our day.
4. God is the perfect Father - Even if our earthly parents failed us, God will always do what's best for us.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think the disciples were asking about who is greatest in the kingdom? What does this reveal about their mindset?
2. Jesus uses a child as an object lesson. What specific qualities of children do you think Jesus is highlighting?
3. When you hear the phrase "childlike faith," what has traditionally come to mind? How does this sermon's definition challenge or confirm your understanding?
4. The sermon asks: "Is God the first thing you wake up and think about in the morning? Is He the last thing you think about at night?" How would you honestly answer these questions?
5. Share about a time when you experienced a strong desire to be in God's presence. What was happening in your life? What did that feel like?
6. Jason mentioned that children ask "why?" constantly because they want to understand. How can we balance childlike trust with asking hard questions about faith?
7. Timothy Keller's quote says: "God will either give us what we ask for in prayer or give us what we would have asked for if we knew everything he knows." How does this perspective change the way you think about unanswered prayers?
8. What specific barriers keep you from wanting to spend more time with God? (Be honest - busyness, hurt, doubt, distraction, etc.)

Practical Applications:

1. Each morning this week, start your day by asking God: "What can WE do today?"
2. Set 3 alarms throughout your day - simply pause & acknowledge God's presence
3. Schedule one extended time (30-60 minutes) this week for silence and solitude with God. Don't bring an agenda - just practice being in His presence
4. If you're going through a difficult time, spend time this week "crying in the arms of your Heavenly Father"
5. Be completely honest with God about your pain, fears, or frustrations

