

The Greatest in the Kingdom

“Who will be the greatest?”

Jesus wants everyone to “climb *down* the social ladder” and become like a child to enter His Kingdom.

Change & Become

[Matthew 18:1–5](#) “At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”

[Matthew 18:3](#) “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

HUMILITY

[Proverbs 6:16–19](#) “haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.”

Humility is not harmful.

FAITH

[Romans 1:17](#) “the righteous will *live* by faith.”

Faith is not foolishness.

INNOCENCE

“True knowledge exists in knowing that you know nothing.

And in knowing that you know nothing, that makes you the smartest of all.” Socrates

[Matthew 11:25](#) “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.”

[James 3:13–16](#) “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.”

Innocence is not ignorance.

[Matthew 10:16](#) “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.”

DEPENDENCE

[1 John 5:4–5](#) “everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.”

Dependence is not defeat.

[Matthew 19:30](#) “many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.” Those

The insecurity that comes from a performance mindset subtly disconnects you from other people.

Jesus is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.

NEW LIFE GROUPS LAUNCH!

Life Group	Leader	Co-Leader	Start Date	Day	Time
Women's DAY	Bonnie Burt	Lena Peterson	Oct 28	Tues	11:00
Women's NIGHT	Rebecca Hyvonen	Jill Schnibben	Oct 21	Mon	6:30
Men's	Bob Dunlap	Mike Shannon	Oct 15	Wed	6:30
Couples	Jill & Brian S.	Amanda & Phil S	Oct 23	Thur	6:30
Young Adults	Amanda Stiles	Dan Wagner	Oct 26	Sun	6:30
Youth	Dan Wagner	(Varies)	Continuous	Wed	6:00

Member Opp.	Leader	Co-Leader	Start Date	Day	Time
Bible Class Night	Karen Otto	Amanda Stiles	Oct 28	Tues	6:30
C4 Events	Aaron Shank	Philip Stiles	As Christian Events Come		