



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of January 23, 2022

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

Matthew 18:1-4

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermononline>

Summary

In this week's passage, Jesus redefines "greatness" to mean something completely different than the world's definition. Greatness in the kingdom of heaven means humble dependent trust in our heavenly Father. A child-like faith is not only what makes one great, it is also required to enter into God's kingdom.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think people are always comparing themselves to others? What problems do you see coming from this?
2. What are some typical characteristics of a toddler? Which ones of these would be considered "great" by the world's standards? Which ones would make one great in God's kingdom and why?
3. When is showing humble submission and respect to people right, and when could it be wrong? Why is it important to see people the way God sees them, as little children?
4. How does a true child-like faith reveal itself in the life of a believer? Taking it one step further, how might it show up in people who hold positions of high power, authority and respect, such as a world leader, high ranking soldier, or famous athlete?