



“Childlike Faith”
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Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:3,4

1. Childlike faith is required to enter the kingdom of heaven.

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12, 13

2. Childlike faith is required for answered prayer.

3. Childlike faith delights in the presence of the Father.

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Romans 8:15, 16

4. Childlike faith believes in the Word of the Father, and doesn't always need an explanation.

5. Childlike faith acts in obedience to the Father.

Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; [22] and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight. 1 John 3:21,22

6. Childlike faith steps out in anticipation of the Father's answer.

For your LIFEGROUP:

1. Do you remember any childlike prayers you or your kids ever prayed?
2. Why do we lose “childlike-ness” in our praying? How do we regain it?
3. Take a look at Hebrews 5:7-8 and 1 John 3:21-24. Discuss the link between obedience and answers to prayer.
4. How will you live out Psalm 37:4 this week?