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The Gospel & Vulnerable Children

Why do children hold a place of unique importance in Christ's Kingdom?

1. Because they reveal what greatness looks like in Christ's Kingdom. (Matthew 18:1-4)

2. Because our treatment of them represents a litmus test of whether we have entered Christ's Kingdom. (Matthew 18:5-6)

3. Because they represent the possibility of generations of impact for Christ's Kingdom. (Psalm 127:3-4)

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Questions for Discussion/Reflection:

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon?
2. In what ways do you think children represent what God considers greatness in His Kingdom?
3. Have you ever thought of your treatment of children as an indicator of whether you have a heart pleasing to God? What are some small, every day, kinds of things we can do in the lives of children that display God's heart?
4. We are often prone to either thinking of children as disruptive to the fulfillment of our own desires or turning them into idols we can't live without. We can even vacillate between these two perspectives. How does viewing children through the lens of Psalm 127:3-5 offer a correction to both of these perspectives? How does it offer a corrective to your thinking and treatment of children?
5. Do you sense God inviting you to be a part of our church's foster care initiative? If so, in what capacity? What next steps should you take?