

The Chosen Episode Three:

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Quick Summary:

A group of kids learn from Jesus for a week. The bold and simple faith of childhood is on display. Begging the question- do you embrace a childlike faith? This was my favorite episode! There was very little action- it was all about Jesus and the kids. I loved the boldness of the children. May we all venture to be as abundantly filled with hope and faith.

Read for Bible Study:

Luke 18: 15-17 (Let the children come),

Mark 9:42, Mark 3:13-19 (the disciples appointed)

The Chosen Discussion Questions:

1. What does our sweet little song (Jesus Loves the Little Children) have in common with Galatians 3:28?
2. What are some characteristics of a good parent?
3. Having a not-very-good parent can negatively affect the way we see and respond to God. Read Jeremiah 31:9-11 and describe all the ways God is a good Father.
4. God pursued Israel in spite of their wanton rebellion. Compare what they deserved to receive from God with what they actually received from God time and again.
5. According to Matthew 18:1-4, what quality do children have that we should seek to emulate?

6. Whose imagined childhood experience do you most identify with? Mary's darkness and brokenness? Nicodemus's need to perform and earn his worth? Matthew's rebellion and isolation? Simon's constant struggle to make a life for himself?

7. Read each of their actual come-to-Jesus stories in Luke 8:1-3; John 3:1-12; Matthew 9:9-13; and Luke 5:1-11. In spite of having vastly different life experiences, what do all four of these people have in common? (Hint, hint: the thing they have in with each other is the same thing they actually have in common with children.)

8. In order to keep us, Jesus became like us. According to the Apostle Paul in Philippians 2:5-8, what did that entail?

9. How should you respond to the idea that Jesus cherishes you enough to ransom Himself as payment for your sin and restore your relationship with God?

10. Not only did Jesus become like us to keep us, He also promises to make us more like Him – which is exactly what He did in the lives of Mary, Matthew, and Simon Peter. Read Galatians 5:18-24 and make a list of the characteristics that become ours through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Focus

Give Thanks to Jesus for sacrificing Himself in your place in order to bring you back to your Maker. Ask God to empower you to have a childlike faith (not a childish faith) and to trust that He'll keep you through the hardships of life. You might even consider praying the words in Jude 1:24-25: "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time now and forever. Amen."