**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

***CONNECT:***

* What is your favorite childhood memory?
* What is the cutest thing you have even seen a kid do?

***DIG DEEPER:***

* Read Ephesians 4:17-32. Summarize what you read. What truths about God do you find in this passage?
* How does the “new self” compare to the concept of “humbling oneself like a child?”
* How does Paul describe the life of someone living in the “new self?” Does this concur with the qualities and characteristics of a child-like faith that we learned on Sunday?
* Verses 20-22 use words such as ‘know’ and ‘taught.’ What role does education and continuing to learn have in “putting on the new self?”

***DISCUSS:***

* What steps do you take to put on the new self? What have you found to be effective?

* Are there certain times you find yourself living in the ways of the old self? What steps do you need to take to change this?
* On Sunday, we learned that finding our place in the kingdom is not only about becoming a child, but caring for children. What role does caring for children play in helping us live in the new self?
* What is one intentional step that you will commit to take as a result of what you have learned from this study?

180-Day Guided Tour of the Bible

**Reading Plan for Week of November 5th**

Day 31: Judges 7: Military Upset

Day 32: Judges 16: Superman’s Flaws

Day 33: Ruth 1: Tough Love

Day 34: 1 Samuel 3: Transition Team

Day 35: 1 Samuel 16: Tale of Two Kings

GREATNESS:Finding Your Place in
The Kingdom of God

Matthew 18:1-5

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**Matthew 18:1-5 (ESV)** *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.****5****“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me …”*

**THE DISCIPLES ARE AWAITING THE WRONG
KIND OF KINGDOM**

**A Child is…**

* **IN NEED OF A PARENT**
* **NOT THREATENING**
* **TRANSPARENT**
* **HUMBLE**

**WE MUST BE TRANSFORMED TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN**

**Romans 12:2 (ESV)***Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

**2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV)***We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,*

**PURSUING WORLDLY GREATNESS LEADS TO AN
US VERSUS THEM MENTALITY**

**James 4:1-2 (ESV)**  *What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?****2****You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel.*

**FINDING YOUR PLACE IN THE KINGDOM IS NOT ONLY ABOUT BECOMING A CHILD, BUT CARING FOR CHILDREN.**

**James 1:27 (ESV)***Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.*

**The Gospel Tells Us…**

* **THAT WE CANNOT SAVE OURSELVES**
* **THAT WE ARE MORE SINFUL THAN WE COULD EVER IMAGINE**
* **THAT WE ARE MORE LOVED THAN WE COULD EVER IMAGINE**

**RECOGNIZE THAT WE ALL HAVE AN ORPHAN SPIRIT**

**Mark 1:15 (ESV)***“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”*