

# KINGDOM GREATNESS

## MATTHEW 18:1-9

Christian humility does not consist in denying what there is of good in us; but in an abiding sense of ill-desert, and in the consciousness that what we have of good is due to the grace of God.

-Charles Hodge

### I. The Picture of Greatness

## II. The Peril of Sin

## **Into the Bible:**

1. Christ's admonition to his disciples in verse 3 that they must become like little children probably confused and offended them. What is the reality though for all those who put their faith in Christ and his sacrifice on our behalf? (Galatians 3:26-27, I John 3:1-3)

2. James 1:13-15 clearly states that sin is rooted in our own evil desires. Christ advises extreme measures both here and elsewhere to rid ourselves of anything that causes us to sin. Examining the progression in James 1:15, why is it so important to stop temptation from having its effect on us at its root?

### **Application:**

3. If we think back to Christ's teachings about the kingdom of God in Matthew chapters 5-7 we can recognize that kingdom values turn the values of this world upside down. Success and greatness are goals for those outside the kingdom, but what are we—citizens of God's kingdom—to set as our values? (Matthew 20:16, Luke 14:1, Philippians 2:3-4)

### **For Families:**

4. Talk with your children about what being a child of God means.