

Jesus And Children

Read Matthew 18v1-5, Mark 9v33-37, and Luke 9v46-48

The progression from childhood to adulthood is one of dependence to independence. Pain, failure, and loss are things we desperately need to keep in touch with because they remind us of our powerlessness and of God's power. What experiences have confronted you with your own powerlessness?

What do you think it would look like for you to move from independence to dependence on God?

Parents often talk about the experience of raising children, but in what ways do children raise parents?

If children are both a picture of God and teach us what God is like, and if welcoming them is to welcome not only Jesus but also the one who sent him, then what does that mean for you in welcoming or learning from a child?

The best way to understand Jesus' words is to live them. When you have discussed what it might look like to welcome a child, go and put it into practice, and pay attention to what you are learning about God as you do.