



November 19, 2023 – Give Thanks

Give Thanks for Those Coming Up

Jesus made it pretty clear that children were important. And they are! But no child is born knowing the truths of our faith or the deep love of Jesus. These are things we get to pass along. Join us today as we reaffirm our commitment to walking with our children and hear some of their stories of those who have already impacted their lives and faith journeys!

Scripture:

Psalm 108:1-5 NRSV

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make melody. Awake, my soul! ²Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn. ³I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, and I will sing praises to you among the nations. ⁴For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. ⁵Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth.

Matthew 18:1-5 NLT

About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?”. Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. ³Then he said, “I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. ⁴So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. ⁵“And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me. ⁶But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.

Questions:

- Are there children in your life? Not necessarily your own, but maybe nieces or nephews? Neighbors or the children of co-workers? What kind of relationship do you have with them?
- Think of when you were a child – who showed you the love of Jesus? How did they do it? Can you repeat that in the life of a child today?
- If you have no children in your life, how might you impact the next generation of Jesus followers? See if you can think of a way to share the love of Jesus with even the littlest!

Reading for the Week:

Monday: Psalm 145:4

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 6:6-9

Wednesday: Genesis 17:7

Thursday: Joel 1:3

Friday: Psalm 71:18