

Matthew 18:1–6 ESVUK

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

God's true king

Matthew 18:1–6 (p 992)

True greatness

Introduction

1. The way into God's kingdom requires a change of mind

2. The way up in God's kingdom requires a change of value

3. The way on in God's kingdom requires a change of action

Conclusion

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- How does membership of and recognition in Jesus' kingdom differ from membership and recognition in the City?
- How will this impact the way we view ourselves and the way we deal with others?
- Why is this so challenging and yet so beautiful?

Next week: True value, Matthew 18:7–14, Speaker: William Taylor