

Living the Gospel:

Applying the good news to our lives & the church's life

The Greatest Among Us

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I. A question is asked.

- A. Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”
(Matthew 18:3-4)

- B. The answer: those of lowly position.

II. A request is made.

- A. Let my sons sit on your right and on your left in your kingdom.

- B. The response:

“...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:26-28)

III. A lesson is taught.

- A. The greatest will be the servant.
B. We will be put in our place.

“The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”
(Matthew 23:11-12)

IV. This has implications for us!

- A. If this is true for the kingdom of heaven, is it true now?
B. How does this play out in your family life? ...in your vocational life?
C. How does this effect the church's stance toward the world?
D. How does this effect our relationships with fellow church members?

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:2)

Philippians 2:1-11