

## The Little Ones (Matthew 18:1-14)

Briefly review Matthew chapters 16-17. What have the disciples been learning about Jesus? What has Jesus been saying about his mission? Where are they now?

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- 1. What do the disciples want to know?
- 2. What is surprising about Jesus' answer?
- 3. In what ways does Jesus describe how precious the little ones are? (v5,10,14)
- 4. How does Jesus want us to act towards those who are small in the eyes of the world?
- 5. What images does Jesus use to describe the consequences of sin? (v6,8,9)
- 6. Why do you think Jesus tells the story of the lost sheep here? (See also Ezekiel 33:7-11.)
- 7. How seriously will you take these words of Jesus?
  - a. Reflect on the example you are setting those around you, are they being led into sin?
  - b. What do you need to cut out or cut off because they are causing you to sin?
  - c. Who can help hold you accountable for the actions you need to take?
  - d. Have you experienced someone calling you back from going astray? How did they do that?