

# **“UNLESS YOU CHANGE...”**

Matthew 18:1-14

Key verse 3

**“And he said: ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.’”**

1. What question did Jesus’ disciples ask and why (1)? What more basic question did Jesus first address (2-3)? What does it mean to change and become like little children and how can we do so?
2. Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven<sup>1</sup> (4)? How does this challenge our view of greatness? What is the evidence of being changed (5)?
3. Who are little ones, and what serious warning did Jesus give to those who cause them to stumble (6)? To whom does Jesus pronounce woes (7)? In the context of community, how and why must we deal with what causes us to sin (8-9)?
4. What does it mean to "despise one of these little ones" (10)? Why should we not despise little ones? How should we regard little ones who’ve wandered off (12-13)? Why (14)?
5. Based on Jesus’ teaching, what change should be made personally? How will this alter our view and treatment of other believers?

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<sup>1</sup> NIV (1984), ESV, NASB, KJV and others translate “take the lowly position” as “humble himself”