

HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Radical Teachings of Jesus #2

“The Journey of God’s Desire”

Matthew 18:1-6 (NIV) *At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”* ²He called a little child and had him stand among them. ³And he said: “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵“And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. ⁶But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

Steps on the journey:

Step #1 – _____

- Kids know how to _____

Ephesians 2:8-9 (The Message) *Saving is all His idea, and all His work. All we do is trust him enough to let Him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving.*

Step #2 – _____

Acts 9:4 (NIV) *Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?*

- Kids know how to _____

Luke 15:9-10 (NCV) ⁹And when she finds it, she will call her friends and neighbors and say, ‘Be happy with me because I have found the coin that I lost.’ ¹⁰In the same way, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God when one sinner changes his heart and life.”

2 Kings 7:9 (NLT) Finally, they said to each other, “This is not right. This is wonderful news, and we aren’t sharing it with anyone! If we wait until morning, some terrible calamity will certainly fall upon us. Come on, let’s go back and tell the people at the palace.

Step #3 – _____

- Kids are _____

Romans 14:13 (NLT) So don’t condemn each other anymore. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not put an obstacle in another Christian’s path.

1 Corinthians 10:32-11:1 (NIV) ³²Do not cause anyone to stumble... ³³even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. ¹Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

1 Timothy 4:12 (NLT) Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you teach, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

October Memory Verse – Matthew 16:24-25 (NIV) ²⁴Jesus said, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.”