

**WHO IS THE GREATEST IN CHRIST'S KINGDOM?**  
**Jesus teaches His disciples about true humility**  
**Matthew 18:1-4**

- I. UNDERSTAND THE OVERALL CONTEXT OF MATTHEW 18**
  - a. Jesus reveals the incredible value of His children (1-10)
  - b. Jesus thus goes after those who sin (11-14)
  - c. The way Jesus seeks after straying sheep is through His Body, the Church (15-20)
  - d. Jesus reveals how His Body is to respond if straying sheep repent; Forgive! (21-35)
  
- II. REALIZE ENTRANCE AND GREATNESS IN HIS KINGDOM COMES THROUGH TOTAL DEPENDENT FAITH IN JESUS as illustrated by a child's humility (1-4)**
  - a. **WHO IS THE GREATEST?** Jesus uses the disciples argument to reveal true greatness in His Kingdom (1, Mark 9)
  
  - b. **HOW DOES ONE ENTER HIS KINGDOM?** Jesus reveals you must be converted to enter His Kingdom and illustrates it with a child's humble dependence (2-3)
    - 1. **The illustration of a child:** Humble dependent trust (2)
  
    - 2. **The declaration of God:** Unless you are turn (repent) and become like such a child (humbly dependent) you will not enter (3)
  
  - c. **HOW IS ONE GREAT IN HIS KINGDOM?** Jesus reveals, it is the same way you entered...humble dependent faith in Him (4)