



"Faith Like A Child" - September 6, 2026

Sermon by: Pastor Akash Ahuja

Group Leader Notes

What if Jesus' teaching about receiving the Kingdom "like a little child" means more than having childlike faith? In "A Faith That Welcomes," Akash (Director of High School Ministry, Lexington Campus) explores Luke [18:15–17](#) and offers a fresh look at Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me." When the disciples tried to keep children away, Jesus welcomed them with open arms—and called his followers to do the same. The Kingdom of God welcomes us with grace. In response, we are called to welcome children, strangers, outsiders, and people whom the world often overlooks. As we receive and serve others in Jesus' name, we also welcome the presence and work of God into our own lives. This message invites us to move beyond simply asking whether we will be welcomed into heaven and consider a deeper question: Are we welcoming heaven into our lives by loving and receiving the people around us? Who might God be asking you to welcome?

Main Scripture Reading: Luke [18:15–17](#)

Group Discussion: Begin in prayer before reading and discussing the text.

1. **Pastor Akash challenges the common interpretation of "childlike faith" and emphasizes welcoming others.** How does this perspective change the way you understand Jesus' words in Luke 18:15–17?
2. **Jesus welcomed children whom the disciples were trying to keep away.** Who are the people or groups in our culture that are often overlooked, excluded, or pushed aside? What might it look like to intentionally welcome them?
3. **Pastor Akash describes a cycle: God welcomes us, we welcome others, and through welcoming others, we welcome God's kingdom into our lives.** Where have you experienced this to be true?
4. **The message distinguishes between having a "childlike faith" and having a faith that welcomes and loves others.** What does spiritual maturity look like in your life, and how does it affect the way you treat other people?
5. **Akash asks, "Are we welcoming heaven into our lives by loving and receiving the people around us?"** Who might God be asking you to welcome, serve, or make more room for right now?

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