

Sermon Notes

We Are Responsible for the Children

Matthew 18:5-7

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

Preparation - humble yourself, to be ready to selflessly care for others

Welcome people, in Jesus name

Children, little ones = Christians

This is important; it's His will for His representatives.

It's as if you did it to Jesus.

Ideas for welcoming people:

Inviting people to church

Making newcomers feel invited into the family

Inviting others to your group

Don't cause other believers to stumble.

This is a serious matter.

Ideas of stumbling blocks:

The world may influence us, but we're responsible.

Application questions for 7-6-2014 sermon
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When you are at a church gathering do you regularly think about meeting the needs of other people there?
Does thinking of other believers as God's precious little ones help motivate you to care for them?

How does it affect you knowing that God considers you His representative to them, and that it is God's will for you to "welcome" them?

What do you think you need to do, or do better, to make others feel welcome in the church - inviting people to church (especially those you know who are believers who aren't part of a church), greeting and connecting with people you don't know on Sunday mornings, inviting others into your group or into even just friendship, or something else?

Does it make sense to you what it might mean to cause someone to stumble? (to cause someone difficulty in following Jesus properly)

Have you seen someone cause other believers to stumble? Tell about it briefly.

Was there anything mentioned in the sermon, behaviors that were cautioned against, that resonate with you as some behavior you do or might do, which you want to stop or guard against?
(dividing people in the church, setting a bad example of sin, legalism, some bad example you are setting for your kids with your spiritual practices or lack of)

What bad influences from the world do you need to be careful not to imitate?
(media, your parents, coworkers, etc.)