



Short Stories: Lost and Hopeless
Matthew 18:1-14

Describe a time when you were lost in a new place and had to get help to find your way out.

Delve Deep

READ: Matthew 18:1-4

- What question do the disciples ask Jesus?
- How does Jesus use a child to answer their question?

READ: Matthew 18:5-6

- How does Jesus view children?

READ: Matthew 18:7-9

- How does Jesus demonstrate the danger of sin in this passage?

READ: Matthew 18:10-14

- According to Jesus, what is one of the roles of angels?
- What does the parable of the lost sheep teach us about God and our condition?

Application

- 1) The Bible describes how important children are to God. God especially wants adult authority figures in children's lives to never cause them to stumble. How can adults cause children to stumble?
- 2) In the sermon, Chris said that our view of children reveals something about our spiritual condition. What do you think he meant by that?
- 3) According to the sermon, what is the most important influence on a child's life?
- 4) Jesus calls us to drop out of the comparison game. How does social media drive this impulse to compare our lives to others?
- 5) Contemplate the next question silently- How do you view greatness? How did Jesus view greatness in the kingdom? Take a few minutes and ask that God will align your values with the values of Jesus.