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Ready for a Holiday?
Through the Eyes of a Child
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In Matthew 18, Jesus says that unless we “become like children [we] will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Is becoming like a child a condition for entering heaven?

Does Jesus’s statement affect your view of salvation? If so, how/why?

In the same passage, Jesus says, “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

What do you think he means by saying humility leads us to be, “the greatest in the kingdom of heaven”?

Jesus says it is better to be drowned in the ocean than to cause a little one to sin. Does this impact your view on how we are responsible to each other? If things like poverty, violence, hunger, etc. lead people to “sin”, what is Jesus requiring of us (if anything) in this passage?

At the end of this passage, Jesus says to cut off your hand and gouge out your eyes if they cause you to sin. Do you read that passage literally? If not, what is the point Jesus is making and how does this relate to the prior verses about becoming childlike and/or not causing others to sin?