

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Luke 18:15-30

Ice Breaker: What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite childhood game to play or story that was read to you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Luke 18:15-30:** What are your initial reactions to these two scenes? Anything surprising?
2. What does it mean for us to receive the kingdom like a child?
3. What hinders us today from coming to Jesus with a childlike faith and dependance? What cares of the world or beliefs in our heart cause us to think Jesus would not receive us?
4. Compare/contrast the way the children come to Jesus and how the ruler comes to Jesus.
5. What did the rich ruler presume about himself and his righteousness before coming to Jesus?
6. How does Jesus cut through the man's question and address his heart? What does the ruler's reaction say about what he loved?
7. What things do we love on our life that may keep us from being fully devoted to Jesus? How have you seen the love of money and possessions be a barrier that keeps people from coming to Jesus?
8. How does Jesus give encouragement to his disciples who have given up the cares of the world is worth it to gain Christ?
9. Share stories of people you know who have counted the cost to follow Jesus even at great personal expense.