



SANCTUARY REFLECTION GUIDE

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Title: There Is No One Else There

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Scripture: Matthew 18:1-4

“What does ‘humble’ mean?” That’s the question before us in this sermon. It is a question that many of us have asked throughout our lifetime. Humility is something that we hear about all throughout the Bible and is a common theme in Jesus’ life. Though the disciples saw pure humility in their lives of following Jesus, in Matthew 18 we see them challenge it with human pride, competition, and comparison. Despite everything they had seen, they were still measuring greatness the way the world measures it. And don’t we do the same? We compare. We compete. We seek recognition. We want to be seen, valued, and elevated. The disciples’ struggle with humility isn’t distant from us—it mirrors our own hearts. Their question reveals something deeply human: the pull toward pride and self-importance.

Jesus responds in a way that completely redefines greatness. He calls a child to himself and says that unless we become like little children—lowly, dependent, and unassuming—we cannot even enter the kingdom of heaven. In other words, humility is not optional in the Christian life. It is essential. Let’s explore what it means to be humble together as we continue our Lenten journey toward the cross and the empty tomb.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What stuck out to you about this sermon? Was there an idea that was particularly meaningful or challenging for you?
2. What does the phrase “being the right size for the occasion” suggest about humility?
3. How might moments of pain or uncertainty help someone develop humility?
4. In what ways can serving others reflect humility?
5. Reread Matthew 18:1-4. What do you think is the significance of Jesus using a child to represent humility? How does that impact the story?

WEEKLY PRACTICE

[Lent](#), the season between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, is traditionally a time for self-reflection and examination—for thinking. These 40 days are often marked by a commitment to fast from certain foods, abstain from particular habits, or adopt new spiritual practices, all with the desire to prepare our hearts for the coming of Easter and the promise of new life.

Week Four: Pray on Your Knees

As followers of Jesus, we’re called not just to learn about God but to be with God. Our faith is first and foremost a relationship with our Creator, and just like any other relationship, it requires time and intentionality. One of the ways we spend intentional time with God is through prayer. This week, begin and end each day by physically getting on your knees to pray if you are able. This is a great practice to do with your family or on your own. At the end of the week, reflect on your experience: *Did changing your posture during prayer change the way you prayed?*