

# THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM

## *Matthew 18:1-4*

"Sanctify them  
by the Truth.  
Your Word is  
Truth"  
John 17:17

### I. Introduction

### II. The setting of the story. 1

A. Jesus and the disciples left the Gentile region of Caesarea-Philippi and have come back to Galilee.

B. Matthew leaves out a part of the story here.

C. Why would this question be on the minds of the disciples anyway?

D. The push to be the "greatest" is not always something others can see.

E. Being humble doesn't mean you have to lack confidence or conviction.

III. The general principle of greatness – Mark 9:35

A. Jesus states the general principle of greatness in Mark 9:35.

B. Jesus calls a child to His side. 2

C. Jesus speaks about the necessity of being converted to enter the kingdom. 3

D. Conversion is the other half of repentance.

E. Jesus is speaking about the childlike trait of humility. 3-4

IV. Conclusion