



## Working it out

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1. In what ways do you see arrogance, discontentment, and hopelessness in the culture around you?

What are some practical ways to live out the components of childlike faith in that environment?

2. Someone has said: "Entitlement breeds discontentment. And vice versa." What do you think that means and how does a childlike faith respond to feelings of entitlement?
3. Which of these three components of childlike faith is the biggest challenge for you? What steps can you take to grow in this area?
4. What are some of the obstacles that keep you from responding to God with childlike faith? What changes do you need to make to remove these obstacles?



## Praying Through

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1. Talk to the Lord about the things He has taught you through this study.
2. Pray for Pastor Randy and Kathy as they connect with our congregation and our community to discern how the Lord is at work and to have the wisdom needed to lead us in this transition.
3. Ask the Lord to help us as a church to fully trust Him and to grow through the journey as we seek to strengthen our church in this season of transition.



## The Components of Childlike Faith Psalm 131

*At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"<sup>2</sup> And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them<sup>3</sup> and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn & become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.<sup>4</sup> Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 18:1-4 (ESV)*

### Three Components of Childlike Faith:

1. HUMILITY (vs. 1)  
Prov. 6:16-19; Deut. 29:29

2. CONTENTMENT (vs. 2)

Psalm 62:1-2, 5-6; Phil. 4:11-13; 1 Tim. 6:8; Heb. 13:5

3. HOPE (vs. 3)

John 11:23-26

## Reflection – Discussion – Application



### Warming up

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1. What was your favorite pastime or game that you played when you were a child?
2. What part did church play in your life as a child? What was it like for you?



### Digging In

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1. Read Matthew 18:1-5. How does the context of Jesus' words help us understand what He meant when He said we must change and become like a little child?

What could be some misconceptions of what it means to have childlike faith?

2. Read the following Scriptures: Psalm 62:1-2; 5-6; Philippians 4:10-20; 1 Timothy 6:8; Hebrews 13:5. What are some of the keys to contentment in these verses?

Someone has said: "Contentment consists not in multiplying our wealth but decreasing our wants." What are some of the things that make this so difficult to do in our culture?