



JESUS ON THE ROAD

Listen to Jesus and Live Carried by The Father

Week of May 22, 2016

These discussion questions can be used the week following the message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap:

Read Matthew 18:3 and
11:20-28

The greatest success of your adult life is to change and become a well-loved child alive in joy! Let go of the gradual growth of cynicism, loss of wonder, and loss of joy that overcomes an adult life. Let go of the burdens of the world—you don't have to carry them! If you find yourself reaching for your burdens the moment you wake up in the morning, it's time for a change. Jesus is calling you to trade your burdens for his yoke—a yoke that is easy and light. Coming to Jesus as a child means you let him carry the heavy burdens. You let him make the decisions and take care of you. All you have to do is rest your weary soul, and live joyfully free in the love and care of your heavenly Father. God makes all things new. When you make the change and come to him, you are free to live in the glory of God's grace and peace.

Pray

God, I repent from trying to carry my own burdens. I want to live with new joy, and new wonder. I humbly and wholeheartedly place my life under your infinite authority as your child. Let me play in your love, live in wonder, and learn and grow free from the corruption and weight of the world. I won't pick up what only you can carry, and I will trust you to carry it all for me.

Share Your Experience This Week
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Getting Started

- What was your favorite thing to play as a child?
- Have you ever been so tired that you thought you couldn't make it for another minute? What did that feel like?

Listening Deeply

1. Can you describe the difference between being tired and being weary?
2. Read Matthew 18:3. Why does Jesus say we must change and become like little children to enter heaven? What does this look like?
3. The worst place to be is used to hearing and able to ignore. (ref Matthew 11:20-24) Agree or disagree? How can you avoid being in that kind of situation?
4. Read Jeremiah 6:16. What crossroads is the verse talking about? Have you ever stood there and said, "I will not walk in it?" Why would someone choose not to walk with Jesus?
5. Jesus doesn't want us carrying the weight of the world...what are the burdens you are carrying?
6. In Matthew 11:28 Jesus says his yoke is easy. Explain how this is so. What else does he say in Matthew 11:28 about what we are supposed to do? What will he give us in return?

Living Wide in Jesus

Healthy children don't have to carry burdens. God doesn't ask us to carry the weight of the world; he does that for us. Instead he wants us to listen to Jesus and be carried by the Father. He wants us to turn away from all that isn't Jesus and run toward what is Jesus. Now is the time to go to Jesus and respond like a child, filled with wonder and joy. It's time to repent and give your life to Jesus. Then take what Jesus says seriously and live by it. Let Jesus touch the deepest part of your heart. Trust his interpretation of your life, not your own. Be a child carried by grace, and refuse to pick up what only God should hold. This week, turn your burdens into blessings by letting them go! Pick one thing that makes you a serious, joyless adult, and hand it to the Father so you can play in grace.

Use the back of this page to commit your one thing to God.