

Sunday, September 6th, 2026
Sermon Series: "Surrender: Serving the Savior"
"Serving" Text(s): *Matthew 18.1-20*.
(Pentecost)

The Heart of the Church

Matthew 18.1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the **greatest** in the kingdom of heaven?"

μειζων (*meizōn*): "Superior" "More" (Comparatively)

A Great Church (Disciple) is....

Matthew 18.2-4 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever **humbles** himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

ταπεινός (*tapeinos*): "Of low status"

Matthew 18.5-6 "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

Matthew 18.12-14 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

John 10.11, 14-15 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep...¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

(Humble. Caring).