

What does Matthew mean by the phrase “the kingdom of heaven” in Matthew 18? See also Matthew 19:23-24.

When the disciples argue about who is the greatest, what are they referring to? How would someone become great in this sense? What would result from being great in this sense? When Jesus uses the term in Matthew 18:4, how does He use it differently? Why is this important for us?

How is Jesus’ statement in Matthew 18:3 a response to the disciples’ question in 18:1? In what sense must we become like children if we are to enter the kingdom of heaven?

In a sermon from the summer of 2008 (“[What is a Senior Pastor and Why Do We Have One?](#)”), Coty distinguished between prominence in ministry and importance to the ministry. In that context, he was saying that a senior pastor has the most prominent position within the church, and that his role is important; yet every member of the church also has an important role in the life of the body. How does this idea relate to questions about greatness? How does this relate to questions about submission in marriage and in the church?