

## Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

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Who does Jesus use as a visual aid? Do you think the anonymity of that individual help emphasize the point to the disciples? ([Matthew 18:2](#))

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What is the stern and severe warning Jesus' gives to the disciples (and everyone else)? ([Matthew 18:6](#)) [To cause to stumble or to set a snare or trap]

Consider the sovereignty of God and the ultimate end of all souls. ([Matthew 18:7](#))

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"Littles Ones" place in the heart and mind of God ([Matthew 18:10](#); [Psalm 34:7](#))

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  - ◇ Individuals ([Genesis 48:16](#))
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