

Luke 7:18-35 Message-based Small Group Lesson

Opening

- 1. Share what some of your expectations are when you visit a restaurant or café.
- 2. Describe a time when something or someone turned out much different (positively or negatively) than your initial expectations.

Interaction with the text

- 1. Why do you think John the Baptist was unsure if Jesus was indeed the promised Messiah?
- 2. In verse 28, Jesus calls John the Baptist the greatest of those "born of women" and then says "the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." What do you think he meant by this?
- 3. Why do you think Jesus compared the Pharisees to spoiled children? (Verses 31-32)

- 4. Read Luke 18:15-17. How does Jesus' view of the children entering the kingdom differ from what the Pharisees and others may have expected?
- 5. What are some expectations that you place on Jesus? How would you view these in light of this passage?
- 6. How does your understanding of who Jesus is affect the way that you live?

Application to life

- 1. Describe a time in your journey where you responded more like a spoiled child than a child of wisdom (see verse 35). Why do you think you responded this way?
- 2. This week, is there a specific *next step* you can take to grow more into a child of wisdom? Is there a particular growth area you can identify?