

# Christmas

at Rock Creek

**Christmas Tree Lighting**  
Sunday, December 1st at 5 pm

**Christmas at the Creek**  
Sunday, December 8th at 4:30 pm

**Christmas Communion**  
Sunday, December 22nd at 9 am & 10:45 am

**Candlelight Christmas Services**  
Sunday, December 22nd at 7 pm  
Tuesday, December 24th at 4 pm

IF THIS IS YOUR  
**FIRST TIME**  
...THANKS FOR JOINING US!

WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU! STOP AND MEET A PASTOR  
TO THE RIGHT OF THE STAGE AFTER THE SERVICE.

 **SCAN**  
**THE CODE**  
FOR A LIST OF  
IMPORTANT  
ROCK CREEK LINKS!

# BIG CHURCH

*sermon by  
Greg Kirksey*

# BIG COMPASSION

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## big COMPASSION for the children

### FOCAL PASSAGE

About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked,  
"Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?"

<sup>2</sup> Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. <sup>3</sup> Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. <sup>4</sup> So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

<sup>5</sup> "And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me. <sup>6</sup> But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.

<sup>10</sup> "Beware that you don't look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father.  
Matthew 18:1-6, 10

you will have big COMPASSION  
for children when you:

### 1. SEE CHILDREN AS \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. - Matthew 18:2

"And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me."  
- Matthew 18:5

RESULT: THEN YOU WILL \_\_\_\_\_ THEM.

### 2. SEE CHILDREN AS \_\_\_\_\_.

"But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea." - Matthew 18:6

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress. - James 1: 27

READ: Isaiah 1: 11-17

### RESULT: THEN YOU WILL \_\_\_\_\_

FOR THEM.

### 3. SEE CHILDREN AS \_\_\_\_\_.

"Beware that you don't look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father."  
- Matthew 18:10

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." - Mark 10:13-14 (CSB)

### RESULT: THEN YOU WILL \_\_\_\_\_ THEM.

## SERMON in a SENTENCE:

HOW YOU \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN WILL

DETERMINE HOW YOU \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN,

AND WILL REVEAL HOW \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YOU ARE WALKING.