

**LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**  
**Matthew 10:42**

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**RECAP:** Last week we concluded verse 41. We see that Jesus speaks of rewarding not only the disciples themselves, but of those who accept and understand their teaching when they arrive.

**THESIS: Even the tiniest actions done for the glory of God are rewarded by Christ.**

**EXEGESIS: Matthew 10:42 (see also Matt 18:1-14, 21:15, Mark 9:41-42)**

- **Rough Translation:** “And whoever may give a drink one of these little ones a cup of cold, in the name of a disciple alone, truly I say to you, will not not destroy the reward of him.”
- **“Little ones.”** What does “little ones” mean? Typically in English we’re speaking of children when we say that. But not necessarily always in Scripture. **Matthew 21:15, Matt 18:1-6, Mark 9:41-42.**
- **“A cup of cold to drink.”** The verse woodenly reads, “a cold vessel/cup to drink from.” It could be water, or it could be wine or milk, it really doesn’t matter.
  - A cup of something cold would be little more than a convenience in a hot, arid environment.
  - This is designed by Christ to be the smallest gifts one could possibly bestow upon a disciple of Christ. *But even the tiniest actions done for the glory of God are rewarded by Christ.*
- Both *representative discipleship* and reciprocity are on display here. Christ considers any and all actions, great or small, to have eternal merit when done to His church. **Matthew 25:37-39.**
  - *We need to live as a people that treat every disciple and every member of Christ’s body as though they were Christ.*
- **“They will never, ever lose their reward.”** There is a double negative in the Greek text here. Two “no’s” or negative particles here are placed for emphasis. This is something Christ wants to make clear.

**CONCLUSION:**

1. **Christ absolutely aware and ordaining of every single tiny act done to serve Him and His church.**
2. **God chooses to graciously reward those who further the Kingdom of God, even with something as tiny as a cup of water.**
3. **Let’s be aware that greatness, size of action, mightiness or strength, are not of key importance to Christ. He rewards big actions. He rewards small actions. That should be enough.**