



Mark 10.13-16

INTRODUCTION

Jesus demonstrates His deep love for children and commands His followers not to hinder them but to bring them to Him, while emphasizing that children can be among God's people. More importantly, Jesus teaches that everyone must receive the kingdom like a child—coming to God with humble, dependent, empty-handed faith, trusting completely in His grace rather than attempting to earn salvation.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?
- What is your overall impression of Jesus in this passage?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Mark 10.13-16**
- Why do you think the disciples tried to keep the children away from Jesus?
- Why was Jesus indignant? What does His reaction teach us about how Jesus views children and about the things that matter deeply to Him?
- What do children teach us?

APPLICATION

- What are the common attitudes towards children in our day? Why do we have those attitudes? What does that tell us about ourselves?
- In what ways can Christians, perhaps unintentionally, become barriers rather than bridges that bring people to Jesus? How do we hinder them?
- What attitudes toward children might cause a church to unintentionally push them to the margins?
- What does it mean to become "like a child?" What characteristics of children does Jesus want us to imitate?
- Why are trust, dependence, and humility so important to receiving God's kingdom?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?