

Children and the Kingdom of God

“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God” — Jesus

Sermon Questions

1. Parents were bringing their children (even babies) to Jesus to receive a _____.
2. What age is it appropriate to begin teaching children the truths of God’s word? _____
3. Why do you think the disciples rebuked parents bringing their children to Jesus?

4. What are practices today that demonstrate societies low value of children?

5. Children should be encouraged to be present when the church gathers to worship. (Yes/No)
6. Jesus’ first lesson on children is that we must _____ children (and those like them).
7. List at least on way in which children can be hindered from receiving a blessing from Jesus?

8. Those who belong to the kingdom of God are strong, independent, and noble; not week, lowly, despised, and needy. (Yes/No)
9. Jesus’ second lesson on children is that we must receive the _____ like children.
10. This means that we must realize that we are _____.
11. Have you received Jesus in this way? (Yes/No/Not Sure)

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. How have your attitudes toward children reflected the attitudes of the culture at large? How does Jesus' teaching here help us?
2. We were reminded about the importance of preparing children for worship. How do you need to prepare yourself for worship? What areas are you doing well and what are areas to improve?
3. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child? What does it look like for an adult to do that? What does it look like for you to do that?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

