

**Like a Child** Text:

Mark 10:13-31

**Warm-up:** When you hear the phrase “child-like faith,” what comes to mind? What kind of feelings does a phrase like that stir up?

**Think it through:** Read together Mark 13-16.

- 1) We can assume this scene is not a picture-perfect moment of sleeping babies and family order. Rather, this scene is probably filled with controlled chaos. Do you find it comforting knowing that Jesus was welcoming and loving to the families whose lives were not perfect?
- 2) Do you believe/feel Jesus still wants you to come to him during the chaos that may be going on in your life?
- 3) The disciples decide to rebuke the families and ask them to leave. Why do they do this? And how come this causes Jesus to become filled with much anger and grief (indignant) with the disciples?

*Read together Mark  
17-22*

- 1) The Rich Young Ruler believes he can inherit eternal life from Jesus based upon his moral abilities and status. What is the difference between the rich young ruler and the children?
- 2) Why do you think the disciples allow the rich young ruler to approach Jesus but rebuke the children?
- 3) What does this scene teach us about entering the Kingdom of God (receiving eternal life)? How should this affect our evangelism?

*Read 23-31*

- 1) Why does Jesus single out rich people in his illustration of the camel and the eye of a needle? Is being rich what keeps people from entering the kingdom of God? How does this apply to all people?

- 2) When the disciples ask, “who then can be saved?” Jesus doesn’t answer “who” but “How.” Why would Jesus do this (answer “how” instead of “who”)? And does this bring you any comfort?
  
- 3) Jesus teaches his disciples that anyone who makes a sacrifice for the Gospel and in following him will be taken care of 100 fold in this life and the life to come. What does this mean? How can this impact our evangelism and disciple-making for those who are fearful of giving up things this world has to offer (money, power, relationships, etc.)?