

Bible Study Questions

Little Ones to Him Belong – Mark 10:13-16

Focus

The kingdom of God is not for the worldly great, rich, powerful, and successful, but for the weak and needy who can thus – like little children – only receive the kingdom as a gracious gift from Jesus the King.

Read

[Mark 10:13-16](#)

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CCNYC teaching on Mark 10 which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Some Questions for Study and Reflection

1. What do you know about how children were viewed in the first-century?
2. How does the disciples' reaction reflect the views of the culture around them, as well as revealing their own misunderstanding of the nature of God's kingdom (see 9:33-34 and 10:35-37)?
3. Describe Jesus' response to the disciples and the children. What does it reveal about Him?
4. What clues are there in verses 14-15 that when Jesus speaks about the kingdom of God and children that He's using the language of analogy and illustration instead of referring to a literal age?
5. Read 9:42-50 and 10:17-27. What do you further learn about the kingdom of God from those passages and how do verses 13-16 fit within this wider context?

Closing Reflection and Application

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6. How do you think our society views children today? Do you see any similarities and/or differences with the first-century?

7. Why is how a society treats children so often such a revealer of that society's worldview?

8. What are some ways we can love and value children in our city and throughout the world?

9. What are some ways we can love and value children in our church?

10. According to this passage, how would you summarize who is saved – that is, who receives and enters into the kingdom of God?

11. Why are children such a good illustration of this? What's the difference between them and the rich man in 10:17-27 (see also Ephesians 2:8-9)?

12. If to receive the kingdom like a child means to recognize our powerless to save ourselves, and thus our complete dependence on Jesus, does that describe your attitude toward Him? How can you cultivate this attitude more fully in your life?

13. Are you currently experiencing the joy that comes from the gospel of God's grace, knowing that you are loved and embraced by Jesus? If not, why not?

14. What are some ways you might be able to communicate the amazing message of God's grace to some of your unbelieving friends?