

Group/Individual Study

Series: "Bless this Home" - Empowered Kids

Passages: Mark 10:13-16

REFLECT on the message heard Sunday, 6/4

1. Read Mark 10:13-16. Why do you think the disciples were trying to stop the children from getting to Jesus? What seemed to be most important to the disciples in that moment? How did Jesus' priorities clash with theirs?
2. Where in your life are there children you can bless? When do the "adult things" in your life prevent you from helping kids get to Jesus? How can you overcome this inertia?
3. What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "Unless you receive my kingdom like a little child, you shall not enter it"? What specific things can "adult faith" learn from "kid faith?" How would this help your personal walk with God?
4. How might Jesus be able to "lay his hands on kids and bless them" through your life? Are there things you'd have to change to enable this to happen? Are there specific kids that God has already laid on your heart? Are there any kids beyond your own family that God's given you special compassion for?
5. Have you ever seen a "tug of war" play out in churches between adult needs and the needs of the younger generations? Do you see an ethic in Jesus' attitude that might speak into this tension?
6. Many people think it's harder to be a kid now than it was when we were growing up. Do you believe this is so? Explain. Detail some of the pressures and challenges kids face today? What are some ways that we as adults can help?
7. Take some time to pray by name for kids that you know and care about.