



Sermon Discussion Guide

January 18, 2026

Refresh

Read Mark 10:13-16 to get the Scripture passages back in your mind.

Discuss

Why was Jesus indignant with the disciples in verse 14? What does that reveal about how Jesus feels about children?

In what ways can Christians, both individually and corporately, still function like “gatekeepers,” subtly restricting access to Jesus for others? What do you think motivates that behavior? How can we grow in identifying this tendency in our own lives?

In what ways does our anger reveal what we love? What kinds of things tend to provoke our anger, and what do they reveal about what we value most?

Jesus said the kingdom must be received “like a child.” What are some ways adults reject a child-like posture of dependence, and why is it so difficult for many to come to Christ like a child?

How does Jesus’ view of children inform how the church should prioritize ministry, resources, and time? In what ways should we each be leveraging our efforts to ensure children have access to Jesus?

The disciples viewed children as interruptions, while Jesus viewed them as recipients of blessing. How do you personally respond to interruptions, and what might that reveal about your view of people and ministry?

Have you ever found yourself trying to earn God’s approval through works rather than resting in grace? What would it look like, practically, to “lay that down” and cling to Christ alone?