

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Kids & Jesus (& Jesus #3)

Week of Apr 22, 2018

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

ICEBREAKER (Optional)

When you were a kid, what did you dream of growing up to be?

DISCUSSION

1. What do you think are some of the common views of children in our contemporary American culture?

Read Romans 12:9-21

2. a. What "negative" commands (commands that tell us what NOT to do) do you see in this passage?

b. What "positive" commands (commands that tell us what TO do) do you notice?



- c. Which of these commands, whether negative or positive, surprises you most?

3. How does Romans 12:9-21 apply to children?

Read Ephesians 6:1-4

4. What is a gospel-centered relationship between a child and his/her parent supposed to look like?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

5. In light of this study & discussion, do you sense God telling you to make a change in how you interact with children, whether your own or someone else's?

MEMORY VERSE

Last week, we recommended you memorize the verse(s) in Romans 12:9-21 that God was showing you was most needed in your life. This week, we encourage you to keep working on memorizing the same verse, or choose another one from this same passage.

PRAYER

Close in prayer by asking God to help you love like Jesus loved.

