



# Engage to be a Blessing

**Mark 10:13-16**

*"I assure you: Whoever does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."  
- Mark 10:15*

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**Main Point:** God calls us to be a blessing to the children and young people in our community by engaging them as a church and introducing them to Jesus.

**Introduction:** Use the following questions to introduce the topic of discussion -

Have you ever done something crazy or crossed a line because you got tired of sitting around? How did it feel to accomplish your goal?

What people and things are engaging our young people today, more so than the church? Why?

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**Have a Volunteer Read Mark 10:13-16.**

As a church we are called to engage children and students on the campuses of our schools in in life. Jesus indicates they are at a very crucial time in life when they are open to the Word of Truth and a relationship with Him. Jesus turns the table on culture's way of thinking and places a high value on young people. When we do the same, we have the opportunity to impact a generation for eternity.

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The first reason to engage young people is to **INTRODUCE THEM TO JESUS** (v. 13).

Pastor Erik mentioned 85% of people who are followers of Jesus committed their lives before the age of 18. Who introduced you to Jesus and how old were you? What impact did it have on your life as you grew older?

How did the disciples feel about all the parents bringing their children to Jesus? Why would they try to stop them?

What does this reveal about their understanding of Jesus' ministry and teachings?

What young people are you bringing to Jesus now? Who could you invest your time and energy with to introduce them to Jesus?

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The second reason we're called to engage young people is to **TEACH THEM THEY'RE WANTED BY JESUS.** (v. 13-14)

What is the primary difference between the way Jesus and the disciples saw the children?

What kinds of things does this teach us about the nature of God's kingdom? What kinds of things does it teach us about the nature of God's grace?

Read Psalm 127:3-6. How does the psalmist describe the blessing of children? What does that mean in today's terms?

How are Jesus' words in v. 15 a compliment to children and their way of thinking? How could we be more "childlike" in our faith? Are there areas of your faith you are complicating?

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The final reason we should engage young people is so **THEY CAN EXPERIENCE MORE THAN WE CAN GIVE.** (v. 15-16)

How do you view children? How is Jesus' vision for young people different than ours?

What can Jesus give to young people, or all people for that matter, that you cannot? For an example, Read the account of Jesus doing for a father what he couldn't do himself in Mark 5:21-23; 35-43.

What are some ways that we can show God's love and blessing to children? How can looking to Jesus improve our effectiveness?

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**Pray:**

As you close your group time consider your vision for young people. Pray God would help you see them with His eyes for the potential and importance they possess. Ask God to reveal where you and your group can engage young people through one of our Campus ministries. Pray that young people in Blythewood would truly experience the love and blessing of Jesus through our church!

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**Extras:**

Check out these scripture passages about children: Deuteronomy 6; Ephesians 6; James 1:27.