

Leader Guide



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Series: Failing Forward

Title: Be Too Grown Up

Primary Texts: Mark 10:13-16

Big Idea: Receive the Kingdom like a child does and you will experience its blessings.

Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – The Danger of Being “Too Grown Up”

- Cultural pressure toward control and self-sufficiency. The disciples miss the heart of Jesus by thinking like adults instead of receiving like children.

2. Context (Mark 10:13–16)

- People bring children to Jesus; disciples rebuke them. Jesus corrects them and elevates children as a model of Kingdom posture.

3. Depend on Your Father

- Children are dependent. The Kingdom is received, not achieved. God is a faithful Father (Isaiah 40:11).

4. Be Teachable

- Children are open and moldable. Spiritual maturity is marked by humility and teachability, not certainty.

5. Enjoy Being Loved

- Jesus embraces and blesses children. God delights in His people. Living from being loved transforms obedience.

6. Conclusion

- Reject self-sufficient faith. Embrace dependence, teachability, and being loved. Come to Christ empty-handed.

HEART – "This Is Me"

1. Where are you relying on yourself instead of God?
2. What area of your life is hardest for you to be teachable?

3. Do you believe God delights in you or just tolerates you?
4. When do you feel like you have to earn God's approval?
5. Which childlike quality is hardest for you right now?
6. What is keeping you from trusting God more fully?

HEAD – "This Is What I Need to Think About"

1. Why did the disciples rebuke the children?
2. What does it mean to receive the Kingdom like a child?
3. How does this passage challenge cultural views of maturity?
4. Why is dependence essential in the Kingdom?
5. What does Jesus' response reveal about God's character?
6. How does this fit the theme of failing forward?

HANDS – "This Is How I Need to Act"

1. Choose one area to depend on God this week.
2. Approach Scripture or prayer with a teachable posture.
3. Take time daily to receive God's love.
4. Confess pride and ask for humility.
5. Share with someone what God is teaching you.
6. Pray together for childlike faith.