

Being A Child towards the Kingdom

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Mark 10:13-16

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Review

- Jesus is on the final journey to Jerusalem... the Cross!
- Jesus is teaching important kingdom ideas

The Disciples Don't Get It... yet

- Parents bringing children to Jesus for His blessing.
- Disciples are not happy... don't waste Master's time?

Jesus' Intense Response to the Disciples

- Jesus was indignant¹⁴ Disciples are not on the same page!
- Jesus is angry for their attitudes and actions

What's the Big Deal... these are just kids

- The disciples were misrepresenting the character of God
- What did they get wrong? Improper view of children? No.
- Probably an inflated view of themselves
- Jesus message: we are all undeserving of Christ's love
- Disciples don't see themselves as needy, they now serve Jesus and the kingdom...
- They missed: it is by grace & mercy of Christ alone!

The Danger of Believing We Bring More Than Our Sin

- No one gives grace better than one deeply persuaded that he needs grace himself. Lk 17:10
- When we think we deserve and don't get it... we get angry, we look down on others, rebuke them
- That is why Jesus was indignant – the pride of their hearts!
- So what should be our attitude: 1 Cor 1:26-31
- Never, ever, forget the hope of God's grace found in Jesus!

Jesus Speaks

- 1) to such belongs the kingdom of God¹⁴
 - Jesus is basically saying, "I am King, I belong to these children and all those like them."
 - To receive God's blessing means to be called by God's name
 - Infant baptism – calling on God's blessing ^{Num 6:24-26} in faith
 - WLC 167 asks: How is our Baptism to be improved by us?
- 2) receive the kingdom as a child¹⁵
 - Children had no rights, could only receive gifts
 - We must receive the kingdom as a gift, not thinking we have earned or deserved it ^{Eph2:8-10}
 - We are only part of God's Kingdom because of His Amazing Grace – never confuse the work of sanctification with your own righteousness.

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