

BRING THE KIDS

Luke 18:15-17 - Pastor Mike Medeiros

Jesus is emphasizing that . . .

1. _____ matters

2. _____ matter

The Reversal

What _____ kids from coming to Christ?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What _____ kids to come to Christ?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Take Home Truth

Come to Jesus with _____
& help _____ do the same.

Today's Core Practice:

Nurture of the Family: I hold my family in high esteem and will seek to intentionally impact their lives for Christ. *(from Psalm 78:1-7)*

Today's Actions:

1. Pray for children & youth to know Jesus as Lord.
2. Complete today's Deeper Connection Study.

Deeper Connection

After writing about Jesus' parable on humble prayer, Luke then focuses on Jesus blessing the little children. Surprisingly, this generates a lot of emotion from Jesus' own disciples. Once again, Jesus demonstrates something crucial about the kingdom of God that is instructive for disciples of all generations to learn.

Today's Core Practice discussed: Nurture of the Family.

Read Luke 18:15-17 [par. Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16]

1. Why are the disciples not happy about people bringing little children to Jesus (v. 15)? What do you think the rebuke included?
2. What does Jesus want his disciples to learn as he speaks about children (v. 16)? How does this reinforce what he said earlier to them (cf. Matt. 18:2-6, 10-14)?
3. How does Jesus ascribe value to these children (v. 17)? Why do you think children matter so much to God (cf. Gen. 1:27; Ps. 139:13-16)?
4. How does Scripture show God's desire for people to exhibit spiritual care for children (Deut. 6:4-9; Ps. 78:1-7)?
5. What are some obstacles children and youth face that might hinder them from coming to Christ? What are some ways we can help children and youth grow in the Lord (cf. Prov. 22:16; Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21)?
6. How are you personally helping children and youth meet Christ and grow in their relationship with him?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Pray for children to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Ask God to strengthen families by helping parents raise their children in the Lord. Pray that God's people will effectively minister to children and youth in our church.

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Guidelines for Godly Living

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Kids should be seen and not heard. This 15th Century English proverb is still quoted today and many ascribe to similar tenets, but let's be honest - there might actually be times when this invocation seems appropriate! Yet when used as a perpetual command, it does tell us what someone thinks about children in general. Depending on who you ask, children (and youth) could be either esteemed or devalued for their age or certain characteristics. So it is interesting to note how Jesus interacted with children and spoke about them. In our brief passage today, we'll see how Luke connects this vignette with the preceding parable found in verses 9-14. Once again, Jesus is speaking about the kingdom of God and he is highlighting children for illustrative purposes. As we'll discover, Jesus does more than use them as an object lesson. *Pay attention, adults!*