

**GRADUATE STUDIES IN CHURCH LEADERSHIP**  
**COURSE 10: PASTORING THE NEXT GENERATION (Matthew 19:13-15)**  
**May 17, 2026**

**THE SITUATION:**

<sup>13</sup> "Then little children were brought to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them and pray for them." Matthew 19:13a (BSB)

<sup>15</sup> "Now people were even bringing their babies to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them." Luke 18:15 (BSB)

- **THESE PARENTS ARE SEEKING CHRIST'S \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THEIR CHILDREN.**

<sup>22</sup> "Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>23</sup> 'Tell Aaron and his sons: This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: <sup>24</sup> "May the LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup> may the LORD cause His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> may the LORD lift up His countenance toward you and give you peace." <sup>27</sup> So they shall put My name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.'" Numbers 6:22-27 (BSB)

<sup>13</sup> "...And the disciples rebuked those who brought them." Matthew 19:13b (BSB)

- **THE DISCIPLES \_\_\_\_\_, IN \_\_\_\_\_ OF JESUS' PREVIOUS TEACHING.**

<sup>5</sup> "...whoever welcomes a little child like this in My name welcomes Me.... <sup>10</sup> See that you do not look down on any of these little ones." Matthew 18:5, 10 (BSB)

**JESUS' RESPONSE:**

<sup>14</sup> "But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant..." Mark 10:14 (BSB)

<sup>14</sup> "But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them!" Matthew 19:14a (BSB)

- **HE COMMANDS A \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ PATTERN OF \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN.**

<sup>14</sup> "...For the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14b (BSB)

- **JESUS IDENTIFIES CHILDREN AS A \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - **THE SAVED, LIKE CHILDREN, ARE \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:3 (BSB)

<sup>15</sup> “Truly I tell you, anyone who does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

Mark 10:15 (BSB)

<sup>15</sup> “And after He had placed His hands on them, He went on from there.”

Matthew 19:15 (BSB)

<sup>16</sup> “And He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them, and blessed them.”

Mark 10:16 (BSB)

- JESUS \_\_\_\_\_ TO THOSE CHILDREN.

### A PRACTICAL MOMENT...

- FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN:

- OUR \_\_\_\_\_ MUST BE TO \_\_\_\_\_ OUR CHILDREN TO \_\_\_\_\_.

- NEVER \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR CHILD’S \_\_\_\_\_ OF CHRIST.

- FOR CHURCHES/CHURCH LEADERS:

- THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS BEING “\_\_\_\_\_” OR “\_\_\_\_\_” TO SERVE THE NEXT GENERATION.

- A CHURCH WITHOUT A \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_ THE NEXT GENERATION IS A CHURCH THAT IS \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_.

### BOTTOM LINE:

\_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_.

### NEXT STEPS

- **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT**
  - There are numerous ways to help disciple the Next Generation of GNG in our G-Kids Ministries. We are particularly in need of small group leaders and classroom helpers.
- **Q&A**
  - There will be a Q&A after this series. Please turn in any questions via Connect Card or email, and JD will answer them in a live, in-person/livestreamed Q&A time to be announced in the coming weeks.