

Mark 10:13-16 English Standard Version (ESV)

13 And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. **14** But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. **15** Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." **16** And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Discussion/Journal Questions

How is everyone doing with the Resolve 2021 goals? How is your time in prayer, Bible, and Christian community going?

Read Mark 10:13-16. What are some issues that make Jesus indignant? How does this compare to what often makes us indignant?

What do you think when a child acts up in the worship service? How can we be more welcoming to children and families in our worship services?

Read Exodus 22:22-24. What reaction do you have when reading this passage? Why do you think God is so passionate about the widow and the fatherless?

Read Deuteronomy 14:28-29. How were the people to provide for the needy, including the fatherless children?

What struck you the most from the interview with the Benchmark representative?

Have you ever thought about fostering a child? Why or why not?

What could you personally do to support foster families in your community?

What could your group do together to support foster families?

Spend some extra time in prayer for foster families and the needs they have. Pray that God would stir more of Jesus' disciples to share His heart for children.

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?