

# SERMON NOTES:

Series: Mark -The Simple Gospel | Week 34: Start Acting Like a Child

## **Mark 10:13-16 (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup> One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him.

<sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. <sup>15</sup> I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup> Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.

### **3 Things This Account Tells Us About Jesus and His Regard for and Interactions with Children:**

- 1. It tells us that Jesus loves children.**
- 2. It tells us that Jesus affirms and respects the personhood and spirituality of children.**

*Charles Spurgeon said, "I will say broadly that I have more confidence in the spiritual life of the children that I have received into this church than I have in the spiritual condition of the adults thus received. I will go even further than that, and say that I have usually found a clearer knowledge of the gospel and a warmer love to Christ in the child-converts than in the man-converts. I will even astonish you still more by saying that I have sometimes met with a deeper spiritual experience in children of ten and twelve than I have in certain persons of fifty and sixty."*

- 3. It tells us that children loved Jesus.**

### **5 Characteristics of a Child or Child-like Faith That Jesus Desires in Us:**

- 1. We should desire to have the humility of a child.**
- 2. We should emulate the obedience of a child.**
- 3. We should adopt the ease of a child.**
- 4. We should re-learn the trust of a child.**
- 5. We must embrace the dependency of a child.**

## **Matthew 18:3-4 (NLT)**

<sup>3</sup> Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. <sup>4</sup> So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."