

Antidote
Week 6 Like a Child

Objective: To challenge us to develop a childlike faith as we face the world.

Read together:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” 16 And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Mark 10:13-16

1. When have disappointment or unmet expectations pushed you toward cynicism? What changed in you?
2. Jesus became *indignant* when the disciples blocked the children (Mark 10:13–16). Why do you think this mattered so much to Him?
3. What does it mean to “receive the kingdom like a child”? Where do you still try to **earn** what God gives freely?
4. How do pride and self-protection fuel cynicism in everyday relationships?
5. “Isolation breeds suspicion; connection restores hope.” Where are you isolating, and what’s one step back toward community?
6. What would “worship with abandon” look like for you (2 Sam 6:14–22)? What gets in the way?
7. Where have you stopped seeing wonder (Psalm 8:1–4)? What practice could help you notice God’s goodness again this week?

Final Thoughts: It’s easy to be cynical. It takes genuine trust in Jesus and humility to have a childlike faith.

This Week: Of the five childlike postures from the sermon—**Trust, Invite others, Humility, Worship, Wonder**—which one is your next step, and what’s a concrete action you’ll take in the next 48 hours?