

UNSHAKEABLE: CHILDLIKE PRAYER

SMALL GROUP NOTES - 24/6/18

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SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:13-15

OVERVIEW

We live in a culture that is all about independence: the more independent you are the more successful you are. Owning your own home, running your own business, living your life your way; this is what our culture teaches us to aspire for. Yet in the Kingdom of God we see exactly the opposite. Jesus says to his disciples that 'whoever does not enter the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.' Greater dependence, not independence, is the way of the Kingdom. Prayer is a key expression of our dependence upon God. In order for us to be those that live a life of prayer we must learn how to become like children.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What do you find difficult about praying?
2. What does it mean that we need to 'receive the kingdom of God like a child'? (v15)
3. 'We need to recognise our former condition to appreciate our present privilege.' What does this mean when it comes to approaching God in prayer? How should it shape our attitude?
4. How does prayer express our dependence on God?

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Read Hebrews 10:19-22. What does this passage speak to us about our boldness to draw near to God in prayer?