

# Sermon Guide



## “Do Not Hinder Them”

October 2, 2022

“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them...”

**Matthew 19:14**

1. **“Jesus wants unhindered children around Him.”** Matthew 18:3 says that we are to “turn and become like children.” How has God taught you to be more like a child as you pursue Him and His Kingdom?
  - a. In what ways do you need more childlikeness in your walk with Him?
2. **“The Bible says that our body and mind often lead us to do things counter to God. If you follow those desires (of the body and mind) unreservedly, you are probably following the prince of the power of the air.”**
  - a. What characterized your life before Christ?
  - b. How have you changed? Is the Holy Spirit giving you new desires? What are examples?
  - c. What are areas you desire to see the Spirit set you free?
3. **“Somebody pulled you out of the grave, you didn’t crawl out of it.”** How does that shape the way you view the sins of others in your life? Are there relationships in your life that you have judged, as if you are the holy one rather than God?
4. **“To the little kids who say, ‘will you hold me?’ Jesus says, ‘you’ve got it.’”** The kingdom is for unlikely people. Do you ever forget this? Are there people in your life that you are tempted to believe will not receive the gospel and enter the Kingdom? What might it look like to hope for them?
5. **“God will spend eternity showing us immeasurable gifts of kindness towards us.”**
  - a. What does that reality mean to you? (Does it encourage you? Does it help you have hope during a difficult time?)

**We often talk about taking your next step of faith with Jesus.** As you reflect on this week’s teaching, what is the next step of faith you’ll commit to?