

## Title: Children Matter

### Text: Mark 10:13-16

#### Introduction:

#### 1. (Vs. 13)

- A. *Who is they? When we look into this passage we see a they? Who is it? We might think people that knew what Christ offered, It could be someone who wanted something from Jesus, who is they?*
- B. *I think its crazy he didn't specify the specific names here. Why? I believe it was on purpose, it takes a team of people to get kids to Jesus!*
- C. **Main- They, referred in this day and time to the parents of the kids. Mom or Dad or Guardian**
- D. *"That he should touch them" this was to prove it was the parents. The only need for christ to touch people throughout the bible was to bless or heal them. In this case it was a blessing (Vs.16) shows us this.*
- E. **Rebuke**- express sharp disapproval or criticism of (someone) because of their behavior or actions **Illustrate this - get a kid and put a block in his way, to where he can't get to Jesus / Mike Wazosky rebukes Sully for going after bo in monsters inc.**
- F. *Because children love to come to Jesus, we should never block the way - or fail to provide them a way. We know more about Jesus than the women of Judea did. Is there any good reason for us to not bring our own children to Jesus?*
- G. *This is a duty for children's ministry workers and especially for parents. The prayers and words of a parent can mean so much in the salvation of a child. Long into his adult life, Charles Spurgeon recalled the prayers of his mother for him: "Then came a mother's prayer, and some of the words of a mother's prayer we shall never forget, even when our hair is grey. I remember on one occasion her praying thus: 'Now, Lord, if my children go on in their sins, it will not be from ignorance that they perish, and my soul must bear a swift witness against them at the day of judgment if they lay not hold of Christ.' That thought of a mother's bearing swift witness against me, pierced my conscience and stirred my heart."*
- H. *It is especially important to bring children to Jesus when we remember they have a whole life in front of them to serve God with. "Will you be very angry if I say that a boy is more worth saving than a man? It is infinite mercy on God's part to save those who are seventy; for what good can they now do with the end of their lives? When we get to be fifty or sixty, we are almost worn out, and if we have spent all our early days with the devil, what remains for God? But these dear boys and girls - there is something to be made out of them. If now they yield themselves to Christ they may have a long, happy, and holy day before them in which they may*

serve God with all their hearts. Who knows what glory God may have of them? Heathen lands may call them blessed. Whole nations may be enlightened by them." (Spurgeon)

**2. (Vs. 14-15)**

I. Who is them? Now the king of kings turns to his followers! How many of you would want to be on the receiving end of this?

**J. Suffer - means to send**

**K. Forbid - means to hinder**

**L. "I think satan does a better job of accepting kids, than most Christians"**

C. Illustration: Generations explained Keynote

D. Children are not only for blessing; they are also examples of how we must enter the kingdom with a childlike faith, not with a childish faith. We must come to God with a faith that trusts God just like a little child trusts his father – and leave all the problems up to daddy.

E. The emphasis isn't that children are humble and innocent, because sometimes they aren't. But the emphasis is on the fact that children will **receive** and don't feel they have to earn everything they get. Children are in a place where often all they can do is **receive**. They don't refuse gifts out of self-sufficient pride. So we must **receive the kingdom of God as a little child** – because we surely will **by no means enter it** by what we do or earn.

**4. (Vs.16)**

A. Jesus simply yet powerfully blessed them. The ancient Greek verb is emphatic, literally meaning to fervently bless. How could children receive such a blessing from Jesus? **Because children can receive the blessing of Jesus without trying to make themselves worthy of it or pretending they do not need it. We need to receive God's blessing the same way.**

B. *Application - "the application here is two fold: 1) Do we hinder the next generation? 2) Do we learn from our children?"*