

SGQ's. Mark 10:13-16 Let the Children Come!
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From Brendan: "These questions are a guide. You do not have to use every question. Knowing your group, go over these questions and ask God what questions you should focus on. May God bless and guide your discussions!"

Introduction:

Read Mark 10:13-16

- How are children viewed in our society today? What are the pros and cons?

Questions on the text:

1. Why do you think Jesus is angry (indignant) at his disciples for hindering the children from coming to him?
2. Read Mark 9:35-37. How does this passage fit into Mark 10:13-16 and Jesus' frustration with his disciples? What is the significance of this passage?
3. Why does the Kingdom of God belong to children?
4. Brendan said the Kingdom of God is about the following: "being loved by God, loving God, and loving others." Do you agree or disagree? What else would you add?
5. Scott McNight says, The Kingdom of God is "Where we embody the will of God for this world in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit." And that the Kingdom of God has 5 elements to it:
 1. A King – Jesus
 2. A King who rules/governs (he redeems and instructs us how to live)
 3. Subjects (people, the church)
 4. Loyalty to the King (doing the will of God).
 5. Land/Church (creating Kingdom communities everywhere)
 1. Does this explanation help you understand the Kingdom of God? How so?
6. How would you define the Kingdom of God as a group?

7. Verse 15

15 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

OR

"... anyone who will not [**welcome**] the KOG like [it were] a little child will never enter the kingdom."

- What did you think of this second interpretation?
- How would you explain the meaning of this verse?

Life Application:

1. Jesus was attentive and approachable. Where do you do this well? What makes this difficult for you? Is there a particular way or place where you would like to be better at this?
2. What are the barriers keeping you from becoming closer to Jesus? *In this passage it was Jesus' disciples, which is sobering.*
3. What keeps our children/grandchildren/friends from Jesus? How can we remove those barriers.
4. **Challenge:** Bless someone this week (family, church, work, neighbourhood). Ask how it goes next week!