Mark Lesson 33 (2023)

**THE LITTLE CHILDREN AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

(Mark 10:13-16)

**Open it:**

1. What’s the best thing about being a child? In what ways do children think differently than adults?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verse 13. Why were people bringing their children to Jesus? How did the disciples react to this situation? How was the disciples’ reaction toward children more acceptable back then?
2. Read verse 14. What did Jesus want his disciples to do? What do Jesus’ actions tell us about his attitude toward children? Why did Jesus want the children to come to him? How can we have the same attitude toward God that children had toward Jesus?
3. Read verses 15-16. What does it mean that “the kingdom of God belongs to such as” little children? What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God like a little child? How can we receive the kingdom of God “like a little child”? How did Jesus treat the children he met? How should we treat children?

**Apply it:**

1. In what concrete way can you depend on God in your day-to-day affairs? What concrete steps can you take to imitate Christ’s love and compassion for children?