

## 1. Connect

**Question of the Day. Highs and Lows. Share how last week's message influenced your week.**

Last week, on Easter, we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the truth that that death doesn't get the last word in the Kingdom of God. What was one practical step you took to share this truth with the community around you?

## 2. Engage: Sermon Review + Discussion

Read Matthew 19:13-15 together as a LifeGroup:

<sup>13</sup>Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." <sup>15</sup>When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

As you read this passage of Scripture, what words, images, or sentences stand out to you? Spend several minutes making your own observations about the passage, then share those observations together as a group.

### Discussion

Pastor Albert said we have a biblical responsibility to have a generational vision for children. We value kids by (1) bringing them to Jesus, (2) not hindering them from coming to Jesus, and (3) becoming like them in our faith.

- In the passage, the mothers bring their children to Jesus because they believed that the same hands that healed the blind, are the same hands that can bless their children. What are some burdens that you can bring to Jesus in the same way those mothers brought their children to Jesus?
- Pastor Albert mentioned this profound truth, "The sins of the parents will become the tendencies of the children." Satan will attack you in the same areas he attacked the previous

generation to get you in a cycle of guilt and shame. Take several minutes to reflect on the history of your family. Are there any generational sins, habits, addictions or ways of doing relationship that the enemy might be using to keep you in bondage? Share aloud with your group.

- God has empowered us to become his hand that disrupts the cycles that the enemy is trying to create in our lives and in the lives of the next generation. With that in mind, is there anyone in the next generation of youth whether here at our church, in your family, or in your community, who you can begin to speak life into and encourage?
- Pastor Albert said that children have simplicity in their faith, boldly trusting and believing. Jesus mentions the Kingdom of God is made up of this kind of faith. With that being said, how can we become like children in our faith and approach towards God?

### 3. Apply: Next Faithful Step

- Pastor Albert talked about the story of the little boy who couldn't swim, but who jumped in the pool anyway because he knew his father wouldn't let him drown. What are some practical ways that you can take a leap of faith, trusting that God will not let you drown? Is there a place in your life where God is asking you to "jump" into the pool and trust him?
- Think about ways you can come alongside children through the programs in the MOVED campaign.

### 4. Prayer

Please take some extended time in prayer this week to pray for one another regarding any generational cycles of sin, brokenness, addiction and dysfunction that may have been confessed and shared this week. If there is anyone in your group who needs further therapeutic resources please contact Pastor Becky White at [Becky.White@madeforfellowship.com](mailto:Becky.White@madeforfellowship.com).