

Why Children Matter

Matthew 19:13-15

I. The value of children in the eyes of Jesus

Old Preacher: GET CHILD OUT OF HERE THIS IS IMPORTANT

The word for children in Luke 18:15 is infant

Luke 2:12, 1 Peter 2:2

Unusual for a culture that did not value children as much

Were bringing shows continuous action

Jesus rebuked: angriest Jesus Mark 10 indignant)

Marks account says he took them in his arms blessed them

Think Gen. 27 Isaac blesses Jacob,

Gen. 48 Jacob Ephraim and Manasseh

Remember theme park: you must be this old to ride, this tall

How do we exclude our kids? Subject matter, songs, events

Example of fellowship hall vs. gym

II. Bring the children to me

Israel worship: Joel 2:16 bring children and nursing infants

Ex 12 tell the children this is what this means

How to Bring your children to Christ

like a garden: God makes it grow, but I water, weed, fertilize, support

1. Pray for them each day

Job 1,

2. Provide an environment for them to grow

Is it easy for them to love God in my home?

3. Teach them the truth (who is teaching your child?)

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K to 12 grade: 13 years. 52 Sundays a year. 90% attendance

608 hours. 1216 Sunday and Wednesday

What to do with 600 puzzle pieces? How do they fit?

4. Example: do you love the church?

Cowboys or 49ers? Your kids love what you love.

What about parents who did all this and children left the Lord?

Your work is not void, Isaiah 55:1

You still have influence

III. Of such is kingdom of God

1. Simple trust and reliance

2. Desire to grow

3. Ability to fully love