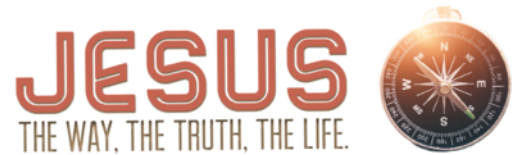


JESUS

THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE.



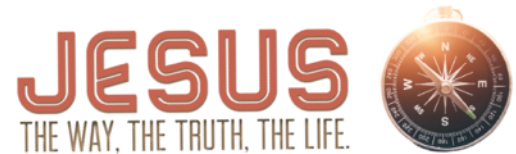
**Jesus loves the
little children**



Matthew 19:13-15

Mark 10:13-16

Luke 18:15-17



Different than Matthew 18:2

Invited in by Jesus for an
example

Matthew 19:13

Welcomed by Jesus as parents
brought them



Things to consider

Young enough to be infants

Couldn't come on their own

Held in his arms

Children were considered insignificant,
non-contributors and annoyances



Things to consider

Today

Tax break; help around the house

From the Beginning

Arrows to be shot; ministers of the
future



**Behold, children are a
heritage from the Lord,
The fruit of the
womb is a reward.**

Psalm 127:3



Things to consider

Laying on of hands

- Blessing
- Healing
- Consecration to the Lord



Children were important to Jesus

- Invited/welcome them
- Was greatly displeased
 - Held them close



Children were important to the parents

- Parents gave everything
- Consecrated to the Lord
- Parents set the example



Important for the children

- Felt the love of Jesus
- Felt the love of their parents
- Their innocence is important to
Jesus



Why was this important?

Childlike faith

Begin the process

Teachable, mild, humble and
free from prejudice and
obstinacy



**But Jesus called them
to Him and said, "Let the little
children come to Me, and do not
forbid them; for of such is the
kingdom of God.**

Luke 18:16



**This comes with a
warning!**



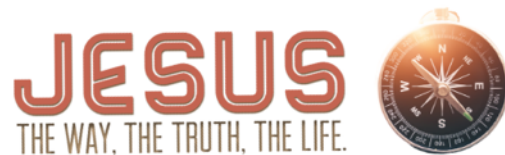
**Assuredly, I say to you, whoever
does not receive the kingdom of
God as a little child will by no
means enter it."**

Luke 18:17



**Jesus loves the little
children...**

**So, let's have a
childlike mature faith!!**



Questions to Ponder

- 1). What is your view of children?
- 2). Are we pouring into our children?
- 3). Do we accept the loving arms of Jesus as a child would?

