KIDS TAKEOVER SUNDAY: COME TO ME

Sermon Notes
Text: Mark 10:13-16

Intro:

3 Different Viewpoints in the story:

1. **The Wonder of Children**

Mark 10:15

Jesus reminds us that we need to be like children

John 15:18

Child likeness is not only a prerequisite to enter into the kingdom of God, but it is continually necessary.

2. The Disciples

Mark 10:13-14

The disciples needed a desperate reminder, to be humble and depend on him.

The disciples needed to learn to not only to minister to little ones, but also to adopt their likeness.

3. Jesus Says "Come"

Our attitude should value the children just as Jesus does.

John 1:12

Psalm 145:4

Conclusion:

Connect Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. What is one of your favourite childhood memories?

2. What stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?

Study & Discussion:

1. Read Mark 10:13-16. What do you think it means to "receive the kingdom of God like a child"? Why is this a prerequisite for entering God's kingdom?

2. Read John 1:12 & Romans 8:15-17. What does it mean to be God's children? How do you become a child of God? What rights and privileges does it give you?

    - Is it hard or easy for you to see God as a Father? How come?

3. Jesus obviously valued children and thought highly of them, even in their immaturity. Considering this, what responsibility do we have (as a church) to children? How can we love them like Jesus did?

4. Sometimes churches place so much emphasis on children that we unintentionally devalue people who don't have children. How do we make sure that everyone in the family feels important and loved? **Consider widows/widowers, the elderly, the unmarried, those who struggle with infertility, etc.*

Practice:

1. Pray for the children of APA this week.
2. Pray for kids in our community to come to know Jesus.
3. Pray for parents, grandparents and caregivers.