

The Last 2 weeks Pastor Derrick preached on hell and divorce, this week our passage takes us to Jesus bringing the little children to himself. This is a message of grace, 1. Do we give grace to others, 2. Do people see grace in us 3. Do we understand how to receive grace 4. Best example of God's grace

**Mar 10:13** And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them.

**Mar 10:14** But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

**Mar 10:15** Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

**Mar 10:16** And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

#### Q. 1 Do we give grace to others

- I. Mark 10:13 Triage on the battle field Tracy Claytor Africa
  - A. Everyone is important to Jesus, B/c everyone is sick-out everyone knows there sick, he wasn't just healing their ailments, he was healing their souls.
    - 1. Romans 3:10-11
  - B. Who are we to say who is worthy to receive grace
  - C. If not by God's grace we would be lost
  - D. To do: see everyone as a soul not the exterior
    - 1. If a believer, maybe they're a toddler, if not a believer, like that baby
    - 2. How much lenience do we give todlers

Q. 2 Do others see grace in us? *MARK 10:14*

II. Do not hinder the children -story of Jaws

A. KJV uses forbid, an ongoing, deliberate denial

B. My version uses hinder, much harder to shake this off

pool rules, is this how people or your children see God in you, or do they see the joy of God in you, do they see God's grace in you

C. Is Christ attractive, important

what do our children see from us, is Christ our first love or something we add on one day a week, the church at Ephesus

previous chapter do not cause one of these to stumble, better to tie a mill stone around your neck.

Side bar- indignant on the mistreating of people, self righteousness, turning the house of prayer, not about him

To do: 2 commandments, love God and Love others

get to know God, praise Him and thank Him everyday

Q. 3 how are we to receive grace?

Read Mark 10:14-15

III. Receive the kingdom of God like a child

What does Jesus mean when he says we must receive the kingdom like a child. At first I thought of the characteristics associated with children, innocence, sweetness, faith. But they can be bratty, selfish, dishonest, and mean. So, what does he mean? We first have to understand what he means by child and that will help us. The word in greek is paidion, in Lukes gospel they use the word infant. Brephos

A. Baby Ellie

Complete dependence on God

What do we bring to the table? What can an infant do on their own.

Adam, Noah, Abraham, David, the apostles, Paul

Eph. 2:1-5

To do: recognize God's holiness and understand, apart from Him we are nothing

Q. 4. best example of God's grace

Read Mark 10:16

IV. One of the questions pastors get asked the most is, where does a child go if they die?

Neat thing about God- he is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow

Jonah 4:11

David 2 sam. 12:23

Then here in Mark 10:16. Are there any other places in scripture where God blesses someone that is not his?

These children receive God's grace just like us, unmerited

Are we living in Grace? Let us receive God's grace like one of these little ones.

The LORD bless you and keep you;

Num 6:25 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

Num 6:26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.