

For There's No Other Way
Mark 10:13-16

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Anyone who will not _____ the kingdom of God _____ a little _____ will never enter it (vs. 15).

What is going on in the passage?

- Parents are bringing their _____ children to be blessed.
- His value system is _____ than that of the _____.
- The passage is _____, not prescriptive.

What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God like a little child?

- 1) What is the kingdom of God?
 - a. "The kingdom of God is God's _____." -John Piper
- 2) What does it mean to receive?
 - a. Can also be described as welcome or _____.
 - b. Opposite of the surrounding verses that talk about us trying to _____ relationships, _____, reputation and _____.
 - c. The kingdom of God is to be _____ accepted, not _____ or controlled.
- 3) How do we receive _____ Kingdom _____ a little child?
 - a. "Jesus is talking about being child-like, not _____." -Alexander MacLaren
 - b. It means _____.
 - i. For the word of the Lord holds true, and we can trust _____ He does (Psalm 33:4).
 - ii. Trust _____ obedience is like faith without _____.
Or looking at Christ as Savior, but not as _____.

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- c. It means _____.
 - i. Without _____ it's hard to obey.
 - ii. Luke 5:1-11 -- "but because You say so"
 - iii. Mark 4:13-20
 1. Those humbly accepting God's reign, in their life and the world, are described as good soil that not only **receive** the word but **accept it** and **produce a crop** -- thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what is sown.
 - iv. "The smallest good act today is the capture of a strategic point from which, a few months later, you may be able to go on to victories you never dreamed of." C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*
- 4) How do we know we're receiving the kingdom of God like a child?
 - a. Luke 6:46-49
 - b. We look for _____, a _____ after a storm, we look for a _____.
- 5) True life in the Kingdom only comes from receiving.

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- Parents are bringing their **little** children to be blessed.
- His value system is **different** than that of the **world**.
- The passage is **descriptive**, not prescriptive.

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- 1) What is the kingdom of God?
 - a. "The kingdom of God is God's **reign**." -John Piper
- 2) What does it mean to receive?
 - a. Can also be described as welcome or **humbly accept**.
 - b. Opposite of the surrounding verses that talk about us trying to **control** relationships, **resources**, reputation and **recognition**.
 - c. The kingdom of God is to be **humbly** accepted, not **earned** or controlled.
- 3) How do we receive **His** Kingdom **like** a little child?
 - a. "Jesus is talking about being child-like, not **child-ish**."
-Alexander MacLaren
 - b. It means **TRUST**.
 - i. For the word of the Lord holds true, and we can trust **everything** He does (Psalm 33:4).
 - ii. Trust **without** obedience is like faith without **deeds**.
Or looking at Christ as Savior, but not as **Lord**.

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- c. It means **OBEY**.
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