



**The Gospel of Mark – Kiddie Pool
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[Mark 10:17-31]

'Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' "And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth." Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the

kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

Entry and excellence into the Kingdom are not defined by what we acquire but by what we are willing to lose. Childlike maturity is about never outgrowing the original call to follow Jesus.

1. Why would Jesus encourage a childlike approach to faith?

[Mark 10:13-16]

Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

2. The benefits to believing like a child?

- They easily trust and believe.
- They're naturally imaginative.
- Kids ask for help.

3. Pursue knowledge and pride at your own peril.

- When it feels disingenuous, we disengage.

True maturity: it's not what we gain, but what are we willing to lose.

[Mark 10:21-25]

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Key Points:

1. Why would Jesus encourage a childlike approach to faith?
2. The benefits to believing like a child?
3. Pursue knowledge and pride at your own peril.

Applications for the Week:

This week, cultivate a childlike faith characterized by humility and trust in your daily walk with God. Take practical steps where you can demonstrate your faith by stepping out in obedience and giving God your yes.

Discussion Questions

1. Reflect on your own life: Are there any possessions or achievements that you find difficult to let go of to follow Jesus more closely? How can you begin to release these attachments?
2. What did the rich young ruler ask Jesus, and how did Jesus initially respond?
3. Why do you think Jesus told the rich young ruler to sell all his possessions and give to the poor? What does this reveal about the nature of true discipleship?
4. How did the rich young ruler react to Jesus' instruction to sell all he had and give to the poor?
5. In what ways can you redefine your understanding of a "blessed life" to align more closely with Jesus' teachings? What changes might this require in your priorities and lifestyle?
6. How does Jesus' interaction with the rich young ruler challenge our modern understanding of a "blessed life"?
7. Considering the cultural context of Jesus' time, how can you prioritize spiritual formation and trust over material and social achievements in your family and community?
8. What does Jesus mean when he says, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God"? How does this statement relate to the concept of childlike faith?
9. How can you nurture the imaginative aspect of your faith, allowing yourself to envision a life transformed by God's grace? Are there specific practices or habits that can help you maintain this imaginative faith?
10. What does radical obedience and simplicity look like in your current context? Are there specific areas where you feel called to practice this kind of obedience?