

GROUPSDISCUSSION GUIDE

MAIN IDEA

Children matter to Jesus.

CHECK IN (HIGHS & LOWS) 15 min

A great, quick way to catch the highlights of what is happening in the lives of the people in your group is to take turns quickly sharing the "highs & lows" of your week/holidays. High: What was your biggest highlight since we last met? Low: What was the low point during this time?

SETTLE IN (ICE BREAKER) 10 min

What is one of your best childhood memories?

DIG IN (UNDERSTANDING)

15 min

- 1. Read Mark 10:13-16. Why do you think people were bringing their children to Jesus?
- 2. Why do you think the disciples rebuked people for this?
- 3. What is Jesus' response to the disciples? What does this show us about the heart of Jesus in regards to children?
- 4. What does it look like to "receive the kingdom of heaven like little children"?

- 5. What makes it hard for us to do this at times?
- 6. Read Matthew 18:1-7. This was either a whole other instance, or a different perspective of the same story in Mark 10. Why does Jesus include the warning about those who cause children to stumble?
- 7. What does this show about the heart of Jesus?

GEAR UP (APPLICATION) 20 min

How can you be a blessing to children in your christian walk? How do you hope to help little children come to Jesus?

STEP UP (HOMEWORK) 5 min

Let's immerse ourselves into the book of Galatians during this study. You can join our church-wide reading plan called "Live Free" on the YouVersion Bible app. Spend some time in the devotion everyday and share some of your reflections with your group.

Note: You can easily find the plan by making Summit Christian Church your home church on the YouVersion Bible app. Log in to the app and then type our church name in the "discover" section and click on our logo.