



**HATFIELD
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

LIFE GROUP GUIDELINE TERM 3 WEEK 9

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UP-IN-OUT With open arms

'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.'

Mark 10:13-14 (NIV)

Icebreaker

On Sunday, we had the privilege of gathering together as one big family. Share your highlight of the day with the group.

Introduction (Read Mark 10:13-23)

The previous two weeks the focus was on denying ourselves and taking up our crosses. The next required step is now to follow Jesus. In this portion of scripture Jesus has two interactions with people of different age groups. Jesus' response gives us some good insight on what it means to be a true disciple.

Discussion

- What does it mean to 'follow Jesus' for you?
- Mark 10:13-16 is an encounter with the little children being kept away from Jesus. Jesus was most likely referring to being like a baby when he used the term 'child-like'. Babies come into the world with nothing, ready to receive. In which areas of your life do you need to be more child-like?
- Mark 10:17-23 shows Jesus in conversation with a wealthy young man. Jesus asks the young man to sell all his possessions because his arms were full with all he had. Obeying the Lord is important, but Jesus is after our entire heart. Are there things in your life that make your arms full?

Prayer

- Pray for each other, that the Holy Spirit would stay close, as we surrender more of ourselves to the Lord.
- Pray for one of the ministries from Sunday. Pray for those being ministered to and for those who help run these ministries.
- Let's also thank the Lord for His grace in shaping us at HCC into a family.
- Pray that as we continually experience the Lord work at HCC, we would be a church and people characterized by a totally surrendered life.