*24* STUDY OF MARK 2020

Receive the Kingdom of God Like a Little Child

Mark 10:13-16

“I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God

like a little child will never enter it.” (15)

1. Who did people bring to Jesus and why? (13) Why do you think the disciples rebuked[[1]](#footnote-1) them? Jesus was *“indignant[[2]](#footnote-2)”* when he saw this. What does this say about Jesus’ heart towards His disciples at that time? (14a) Jesus’ heart towards the little children?
2. What are the two things Jesus told His disciples to do? (14b) Why did Jesus say this? Who does “the little children” symbolize? What does it mean: “*the kingdom of God* ***belongs[[3]](#footnote-3)***  *to such as these*?”
3. Read verse 15. What does it mean to ***receive[[4]](#footnote-4)***something that belongs to you? How does a little child receive something from his parents? Jesus wants to give you the kingdom of God. How can you “*receive [it] like a little child?”* What is the consequence if you fail to do so? What does it mean to enter the kingdom of God? Practically, how does the kingdom of God change your life?
4. Read verse 16. What did Jesus do to the children (16) What does this tell us about Jesus’ heart towards them? How does Jesus respond to anyone who receive the kingdom of God like a little child from Him?

1. **rebuke**: express sharp disapproval or criticism of (someone) because of their behaviour or actions [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **indignant:** feeling or showing anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **belong**: be the property of [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. **receive:** take delivery of something sent [↑](#footnote-ref-4)