

OUTLINE & QUESTIONS

NEXT GEN

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MATTHEW 19:13-14

1. The disciples thought they had _____ things to do

2. _____ are important to Jesus

3. Adults: We shouldn't just _____ kids, we should actually

4. Young People: _____ than Jesus' touch on your life

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. Did you attend church as a child or teenager? What was that like for you?
2. Pastor Eric let the students choose how he dressed when preaching this sermon. Have you ever taken advice from a child or teenager? If so, how did that work out for you?
3. Read Matthew 18:1-5 and then 19:13-14. After hearing these read back to back, how would you summarize a main takeaway?
4. What did you learn about our church's value on young people that you were not previously aware of (programs, values, approaches, etc)?
5. Jesus told the disciples to "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them," What are some ways that we intentionally or unintentionally hinder young people from knowing and following Jesus (hint- some of these things were mentioned in the sermon)
6. Read 18:1-5 again. What is it about being like a child that Jesus is commending here? (note: focus on the phrase "lowly position"). How would we do this onpurpose? Be as specific as possible
7. Have you ever served in Next Gen ministries (kids or students)? What was that like for you? Are you considering serving in a role now? What excited you about that? What holds you back?
8. A lame thesis for Matthew 19:13-14 would be "Jesus likes kids, so you should too." As a group, come up with what you consider to be a great one-sentence thesis for Matthew 19:13-14.

Prayer Prompt: Take a few moments to pray for the kids, students, parents, and next-generation ministry leaders in our church.