

Jesus Loves the Little Children

(Mark 10:13-16)

- Introduction:
1. There are a lot of questions about this world that I don't have all the answers to that I would like to have.
 2. (Deuteronomy 29:29; Job 38-42).
 3. One of those "big" questions that people sometimes ask is, "Why does God allow imperfection in his world?"
 4. While I don't pretend to have all the answers to that question, I do believe perspective is at least, a part of the answer.
 5. From God's perspective, the imperfection may not be what we think it is.
 - a. Maybe the imperfection, from God's perspective, is not in physical or mental disabilities, but in our response to them.
 6. Let's be reminded of a fundamental truth this morning: "Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World!"

I. Someone Brought These Children to Jesus

- A. (Mark 10:13).
- B. Those who brought them are unnamed, but what a great thing to do!
- C. May we never stop bringing children to Jesus!

II. The Failure of The Disciples

- A. (Mark 10:13).
- B. They didn't see the value in children and didn't want them bothering Jesus.
- C. Don't view children as an inconvenience; see them as a priority.

III. Jesus Rebukes His Disciples

- A. (Mark 10:14).
- B. Don't miss that Jesus was "greatly displeased."
- C. The Greek word (aganakteo) means - "indignant," "incensed," "irate."

IV. Jesus' Explanation

- A. (Mark 10:15).
- B. Through sin, we have lost our innocence, and our view of life has been corrupted.
- C. If you want to regain your focus, surround yourself with children.

V. Jesus' Love for Children

- A. (Mark 10:16).
- B. Jesus didn't just pronounce a blessing upon these children, he took them up in his arms!
- C. What a scene!

- Conclusion:
1. May we learn from this historical account from the life of Jesus.
 2. And may we love and learn from children, for unless we are converted and become like them, we will not enter the Kingdom of God.