



Corporate Worship For The Family of God
“Hope Church 2025” Series
Mark 10:13-16
December 6, 2020
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Introduction

In this sermon we explain our desire to make corporate worship on Sunday morning a family “gathering.”

The Text: Mark 10:13-16

¹³ And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

- 1) Corporate Worship is the most biblically necessary and important aspect of a local church.
- 2) Corporate Worship is not an “adult swim,” but a gathering of the whole family of God.

Application: Hope Church wants to make our corporate worship services on Sunday morning a family gathering, which means including all children school-age and older.

(1) Isn't corporate worship too advanced for children?

(2) What if children wiggle and giggle?

(3) How will services and Sunday mornings be different?

Response

We are the family of God. Let us act like it every Lord's Day.

Sunday Text Questions for Mark 10:13-16 (“Hope Church 2025” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: Why is Santa such a big deal for so many families, and why do people bring their children to him in the Christmas season?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Why do you think the people were bringing their children to Jesus “that he might touch them” (v. 13)?
- 4) Why did the disciples “rebuke” the people who were bringing their children to Jesus (v. 13)?
- 5) What reasoning did Jesus give to explain his angry response toward his disciples’ actions (v. 14)?
- 6) What are the implications of this statement by Jesus: “for to such [the children] belongs the kingdom of God” (v. 14)?
- 7) Based upon v. 15, in what ways are all Christians required to receive the Kingdom of God/Christ “like a child?”
- 8) What truths can be gleaned from the loving actions of Jesus toward the children in v. 16?
- 9) For years Hope Church has included children in corporate worship starting in fourth grade. What are your thoughts on including all school-age children?
- 10) In what ways on a Sunday morning can you welcome children to corporate worship or encourage and support parents with young children?

Further study this week: Passages on children: Isaiah 54:13 (Mon); Proverbs 1:8-9 (Tues); Deuteronomy 5:29 (Wed); Ephesians 6:1-4 (Thurs); Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (Fri).