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Warm up question:

- What do you regard as sacred in your life? Do you share this with others, or do you keep it to yourself?

Read: Mark 10:1-12

1. Are there any things that you have heard taught about divorce that you might call confusing or even wrong?
2. Jesus' view of marriage comes from Genesis 2:24 (read it). Jesus adds to this "what God has joined together, let no man separate." What does this teach us about the sacredness and intimacy of marriage?
3. The Bible seems to allow divorce for unfaithfulness (see Matt 5:32, 19:9) and when an unbelieving partner leaves a marriage (1 Corinthians 7:15). However, divorce should always be the last resort. Do you agree with this? Why or why not?

Read: Mark 10:13-16

4. Why do you think the disciples were preventing the children from going to Jesus?
5. We know that the children's response to Jesus was a positive one. How is it different to that of the Pharisees? What do you think it really means to "receive the kingdom of God like a little child"?
6. When Jesus says we must be like a child to receive the Kingdom he does not mean innocent. He means dependent, and humble. Why are these characteristics necessary for receiving Christ and his kingdom?
7. In what ways can you as an individual and we as a church be faithful to both sides of Jesus' command concerning children: How can you/we "let the children come to Jesus" and how can you/we "not hinder" them from coming to Jesus?

Rubber hits the road

- How has this passage challenged and encouraged you to walk as a disciple of Jesus?

PRAYER

Thank you Jesus that you welcome everyone to come to you, even little children. Forgive me when I push others away from you and forgive me when I'm an unfaithful disciple. Thank you that through your death and rising to life, I can be grafted into the Kingdom of God and will one day see you face to face. Until that day help me to follow you all my life diligently and faithfully. Amen.

