

Jesus Loves the Little Children

## Parallel Passages:

- **Matthew 19:13-15 and Luke 18:15-17**

## Today's Passages:

- Mark 9:33-37 – Who is the Greatest
- Genesis 48:15 – Israel's Blessing
- Psalm 51:5 – Conceived in Sin
- Acts 16 – Paul and Silas in Jail
- Deuteronomy 1:39 – Promised Land for Children
- 2 Sam 12:22-23 – Death of David's Child
- Romans 8:1 – No Condemnation
- Isaiah 40:11 – He will care for us
- Isaiah 44:3 – He will bless us

## Your Notes and Observations:

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1. In what ways do children have intrinsic value, not just potential value?
2. What is the greatest danger to children in the US? In Sub-Saharan Africa? In China? In Thailand? What can you do about these issue?
3. At what age can a person typically leave the nurturing environment and end for himself or herself in the world? How might this expand the discussion of the "age of viability"?
4. What reasons might some people have today for restricting access of children to Jesus? Who among non-Christians and Christians might suggest that children shouldn't be brought to church Why?
5. What opportunities do you have to bring your children to Jesus? To bring other children? How can you participate and assist in these ministries?
6. What do children do that demonstrate they are sinner? How do they show they are helpless and hopeful? Trusting and dependent?
7. Did you receive a blessing from your parents? Have you given your blessing to your children? Why is this formal tradition meaningful and powerful?
8. What have you heard expressed about the fate of children who die? Were these statements based on wishful thinking or anchored in biblical truth?
9. Why would an appeal to God's mercy and love be insufficient by itself as an argument in favor of the salvation of children?