

The Gospel of the King Jesus, Children, and God’s Kingdom

Mark 10:13-16 (ESV)

Context: Jesus and the School of Discipleship

Every situation the disciples encountered was _____ and _____ as Jesus shaped them (and us) to represent Him in the world.

The disciples erred in at least 4 ways here:

1) They don’t understand _____ as well as they should.

Had they already forgotten what happened in Capernaum not long before (Mark 9:33-37)?

Who matters to Him?

2) They don’t understand _____ as well as they should.

Why did they rebuke the people?

3) They don’t understand _____ as well as they should.

Why was Jesus “indignant” at them?

4) They don’t understand the _____ as well as they should.

The Kingdom of God belongs to those who ...

... are in the _____ of children (not who possess the _____ of children).

We tend to make this lesson about ____, when it’s really about ____ and

His _____!

... make no pretense of _____ or _____ it.

... gratefully _____ it (like a child).

My response:

How will I _____ God’s grace?

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Second Sunday Night Prayer Service

Join us tonight at our Second Sunday Night prayer service on September 13, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Call to Prayer

Every Sunday at 8:00-8:15 am in the Sanctuary, there is a time of prayer led by our pastors and elders. Everyone is invited to join in for part or all of the prayer time. Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

Ready to take your next step?

If you are new to Calvary and would more information about us ... If you’d like to explore the offer of the Gospel a bit more ...If you’d like to learn more about who Jesus is ... If you want a Bible ... Or if you just want to talk with someone today about the message you heard or have a spiritual question ... Please stop by the “Next Steps” table to the left of the exits. We’d love to meet you!

Parent-Child Commitment Service | October 11

If you would like to participate in the Parent-Child Commitment service, contact Joyce Alexander (joyce@calvarydothan.com) or Brooke Stickles (brooke@calvarydothan.com) or call the church office. There is a parent meeting on Wednesday, September 30, at 6pm in office building room 105.

Calvary Kids Volunteers

The Calvary Kids Ministry has an urgent need for volunteers in the following areas:

-2nd Grade Life Group (Sundays at 8:30am)

-Kids Worship (Sundays at 10:00am)

If you’re interested in any of these opportunites or for more information, email zach@calvarydothan.com or call/text 334.733.6326.

Kids SPARK!

Designed for our first through fifth graders, this exciting ministry meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm in the Recreation Outreach Center. For more information, visit our website or email kids@calvarydothan.com.

Calvary Women’s Ministry

Teaching Women to Teach

All women who currently teach any age group or just aspire to teach are invited to join in this training as we learn together how to rightly handle the Word of truth. Classes will be September 14, October 5, and November 2 from 5:30-8:00 in the Chapel. We will provide a light dinner promptly at 5:30. You must register by email: calvarydothanwomen@gmail.com.

Senior Adult Mid-Month Worship and Lunch

There will be a Mid-Month Worship Service and Lunch on Thursday, September 24, at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Following the Worship Service, you will have the following options for lunch: 1) you may eat in the Fellowship Center while social distancing 2) you may pick up a to-go plate from the Fellowship Center 3) you may drive through and pick up a to-go plate 4) you may request the to-go plate be delivered to you. Your Life Group leader will contact you by Sunday, September 13, to ask you if/how you would like to participate.

Who hasn’t heard the expression, “child-like faith”? As common as it is, its meaning is still not very clear. In fact, you could make it mean lots of different things: Faith that is simplistic? Faith that is simple? Faith that is honest? Faith that is trusting? Faith that is unthinking or anti-intellectual? Faith that is commonplace? But what did Jesus really mean when he said, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”?

We have a tendency to interpret this through some fanciful notions of what children are like, don’t we? As one commentator notes, “This childlikeness does not refer to any supposedly inherent qualities that children are said to possess, such as humility, trustfulness, transparency, hopefulness, modesty, or willingness to believe. Children can also be demanding, short-tempered, sulky, stubborn, thankless, and selfish.”

If it’s not a tribute to the children, then it must be a revelation of the One who seeks them, invites them, and prohibits others from hindering them to come to Him. We should see in this passage the amazing grace of Jesus who loves and calls those that others consider insignificant, unworthy, and unable.

And it’s also a challenge to us to consider how we approach Christ ourselves. The problem with the disciples is not first their view of children. The problem with the disciples is first their view of themselves; because if the disciples understand what Jesus has been teaching them, they are no more deserving of the acceptance of Christ than these children are.

In today’s message, we will consider the sort of grace that Jesus offers and the sort of faith that Jesus honors and how we should respond to both.

- Pastor Paul

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

My Decision Today:

I trusted Jesus as Savior.

I’d like to join Calvary Baptist Church.

I believe God is calling me into ministry/mission.

Please have a pastor or elder contact me.

If you would like to speak with someone about one of the items noted above, please visit the Next Steps Kiosk before you leave today.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Pastors & Prayer Team Only

Churchwide

Connect Card

September 13, 2020

Please complete this tab, tear it off and drop it in an offering plate.

- Please update my information
 Please contact me about membership

I am a:

- First Time Guest Guest
 Member

Name

Address

City

State/Zip

Male Female

Married Single

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Spouse

Spouse's Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)

Children:

Name / Date of Birth

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Please complete the additional information on the back of this tab, if applicable.

September 13, 2020

What's Your Salvation Story?

Over the next several months, we will be sharing short testimonies from our members on all our social media platforms. We'd love to hear how God saved you! Here's what we'd like you to do: video a short (about 5 minutes) story about how God changed your life and made you new. Email it to justin@calvarydothan.com. Then, we'll share it on our website and on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. so that others may hear of the goodness of God!

Sunday Epilogue

Sometimes sermons create questions. Sometimes, there is just more to be said. Sometimes more clarity needs to be given. And at all times when we hear God's Word, we should have opportunity to respond to it. Today we will be offering a live, online, interactive post-service Q&A and discussion with Paul and Matthew. If you have questions from the message, need prayer, or want to discuss a decision you've made about your faith, please join us. We will begin just after the conclusion of the service. If you are watching in person, feel free to hang around and join us, too! Text your questions, comments, and requests to (334) 708-0513.

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FIRST TIME GUEST?

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today and would love to be able to share more with you about our church. Please fill out the Connect Card to the left and place it in one of the offering plates when they are passed. Be sure to stop by our Next Steps kiosk after the service for a gift from us!

THE PEOPLE CAME...

September 6
Life Group: 254
10:00 Worship: 256
Hispanic Church: 103

THE PEOPLE GAVE...

General Fund
Given September 6: \$38,960
Given Y-T-D: \$1,735,866
Y-T-D Required: \$1,852,615.44
Global Mission Offering: \$19,150
Adoption Assistance Fund: \$3400

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, September 13:
Jgs 17, Acts 21, Jer 30-31, Mk 16
Monday, September 14:
Jgs 18, Acts 22, Jer 32, Ps 1-2
Tuesday, September 15:
Jgs 19, Acts 23, Jer 33, Ps 3-4
Wednesday, September 16:
Jgs 20, Acts 24, Jer 34, Ps 5-6
Thursday, September 17:
Jgs 21, Acts 25, Jer 35, Ps 7-8
Friday, September 18:
Ru 1, Acts 26, Jer 36, Ps 9
Saturday, September 19:
Ru 2, Acts 27, Jer 37, Ps 10

Midweek Schedule

6:00 pm Midweek Worship, Fellowship Center
Preschool, Birth-K5, Preschool Building (Preregister at calvarydothan.com)
Children, Grades 1-5, ROC
Students, Grades 6-12, Sanctuary
No Adult Choir

4 Ways to Give

- Give online by using the MobileMission app for Apple or Android or go to calvarydothan.com/GiveOnline.
- On Sundays, drop in the collection boxes near the Fellowship Center exit doors
- Mail to 901 Montezuma Avenue, Dothan, AL 36303
- Bring to the church office, M-F, 8am-12noon & 1-4:30pm

UPDATED GUEST INFORMATION

In this interim period as we are trying to respond as responsibly as we can to the threat of Covid-19 around us, we are intentionally limiting up-close, face-to-face encounters where possible. Therefore, we are not passing offering plates for the time being. But if you are a guest, we still want to hear from you and meet you! So please complete the attached Connect Card and place in the offering collection boxes at the exits. Also, if you have prayer needs or personal needs, please share those with us as well. You may also email us at info@CalavryDothan.com or call or text anytime to (334) 708-0513. We'd love to hear from you, pray with you or for you, or talk with you about any spiritual questions you have or decisions you have made.

STAFF ON CALL

Sunday, September 13:
Reagan Farris | 504-319-6986
Saturday, September 19:
Joyce Alexander | 334-798-4791
Sunday, September 20:
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SERMON SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 20
10:00 am
The Gospel of the King
How Good is Good Enough?
Mark 10:17-27
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday, September 27
10:00 am
The Gospel of the King
The Reward of Christ
Mark 10:28-31
Message by Paul Thompson

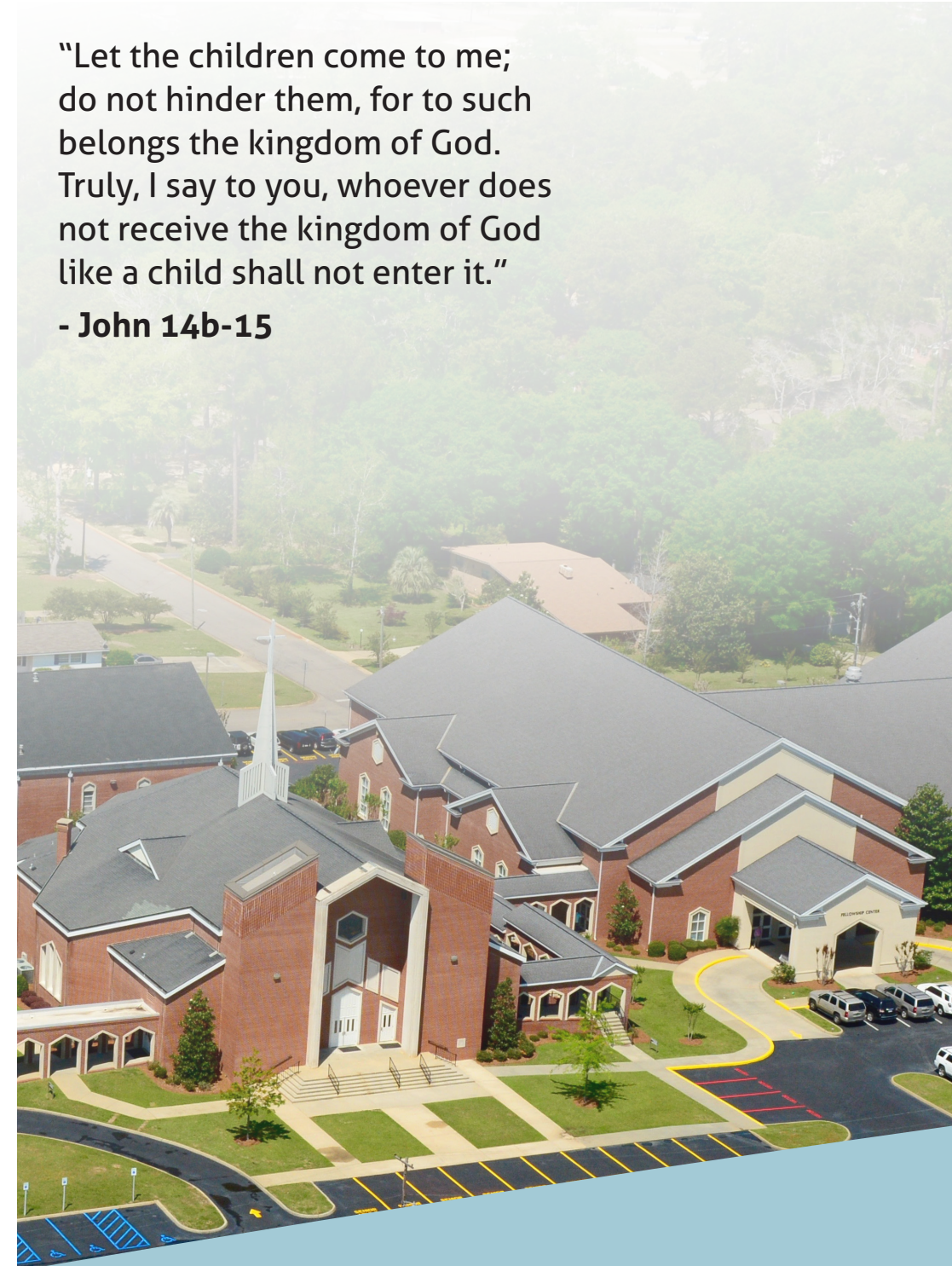
Sunday, October 4
10:00 am
The Gospel of the King
The Reward of Christ
Mark 10:28-31
Message by Paul Thompson

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00am Call to Prayer, Sanctuary
8:30am Life Group
10:00am Worship, Fellowship Center
Live Stream on Facebook & YouTube
Kid's Worship, Grades 1-5, Chapel
11:00am Worship Broadcast on JoyFM 94.3/96.1 with a 1 wk delay.

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- John 14b-15



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