

Resolute: A Focused Study of Luke

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“Let the Little Children Come to Me”

Jesus has a thing for the least and the last and the lost. Luke wrote story after story of moments when Jesus noticed those who most people overlooked. He welcomed people that most people wouldn't even acknowledge. He honored people that most snubbed. It is one of the qualities that many find irresistible about Jesus. And if He is who He says He is then this compelling feature is a glimpse into the heart of God. He is resolutely merciful, and he beckons those who follow to join him in being merciful.

Anchor Text: Luke 18:15-17

¹⁵ People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

Opening Questions

Were you a “kid” person growing up? Or were you a more serious child? Explain.

Besides a family member, who do you remember welcoming you as a child or teenager?

Open Bible Questions

Read Luke 18:15-17

- First read it not to study it but to experience it. Imagine you are there.
 - o Imagine this scene through the eyes of Jesus.
 - o Imagine it through the eyes of the disciples.
 - o Imagine it through the eyes of the parents.
 - o Imagine it through the eyes of the children.
- Which of these do you find easiest to identify with? Why?
- What does it mean for the Kingdom of God to belong to children?
- In what ways should we receive the Kingdom of God like a child?

Life Application

- There are many ways to love children. Do you feel any calling to do something on behalf of children?
- Is there any area in your own Christian walk which you need to become more childlike?

Spend time in prayer for the children of Harpeth Hills and the children in our community and around the world. Pray for organizations on the frontline of care such as AGAPE.