

## Community Group questions

11/14/21

Children

Matthew: Hope Revealed

Matthew 19:13-15

**Icebreaker:** share a frustrating kid moment.

## Understanding the Bible

Read Matthew 19:13-15

- What stands out to you in this passage or from the message?
- This passage (13-15) is right before the “rich young man” (16-30) in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Why are these two passages put next to each other?
- What do you think about the significance of laying on of hands (13, 15)?
- We are in a narrative so, what is the tension point in this passage and how is it resolved?
- State the main point of this passage in one sentence.

## Taking stock of our lives

- How do mid-western people think about children?
  - What does our legal system say about children?
  - What does our spending (personal, government) say about children?
  - If you have children, how do our children occupy our time?
  - “Normal people can lose their minds when it comes to their kids.” Discuss.
  - How is pregnancy and the prospect of parenthood viewed?
- How are kids viewed globally? (Give answers as it fits a particular region.)
- Why do we think about kids the way we do?

## Applying the Bible to our lives

- What do you want for you kids?
- In their desire to give their kids the best, parents can sometimes miss the target on what is truly good for kids. How does this happen?
- How are children hindered from being able to see and experience Jesus?
- One key practice that helps in the spiritual development of kids is doing a weekly family devotion. Discuss how you do that or how you might do that if you have kids?
- If you are a parent, how can you take a step as a parent?