



STUDENT WEEKEND

“TO BE YOUNG AT HEART”

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Mark 10:13-16 // Luke 15:11-32

INTRODUCTION

God’s love is life-changing and life-giving when we allow Him to have control. Relinquishing control appears to become harder the older we grow. In Mark 10, Jesus instructs the crowds to embrace childlike qualities. The challenge is to not simply love the children, but to recapture a posture of awe and wonder that kids possess in our own lives. Like kids, we are called to ask questions, seek adventures, and trust love. We all have a story to share, but the hope is that our stories are still being written! Consider what childlike qualities might bring about life transformation in your life and hang on for the ride!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Mark 10:13-16. Jesus tells the crowd in v. 15 that the kingdom of heaven is for those like children. What childlike traits do you still have and which could your benefit from embracing anew?
2. When and why did you begin to stop asking questions, exploring, and taking adventure?
3. Dave shared the differences between how a child gets in a car and how an adult does. A child gets in the back seat, buckles up and trusts the ride. Adults get in the front seat, driver position, and grip the steering wheel. Adults are accustomed to being in control. In what area of life do you tend to control over God? What is a practical way you might live with more trust in the Lord adventure for your life?
4. Do we still trust love? What events or relationships have weakened your trust in love?

5. How well do you respond to the prodigals in your family, in your social circles, in our church?

 6. What was a defining, faith-transforming moment in your story?

 7. Where do you feel most alive and least alive?

 8. Dave said, "There is nothing more influential than a persons own passionate search for Christ." What does this mean for how you parent growing or grown kids, or relate to others?

 9. Read Luke 15:11-32. The story Jesus shares of the prodigal son is a reminder of Gods pursuing love. Who are you in the story?
 - The prodigal son who need to receive forgiveness and a welcome home party?
 - The father who needed to forgive a prodigal son/daughter/spouse/friend?
 - The older brother whose own judgment and jealousy failed to trust love?

 10. Children know they need help. Jesus invites a childlike faith. Finish this sentence, "I need help _____."
- (Note: This might help focus your groups concluding time of prayer!)

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Take time to pray that we would encounter Gods life transforming power afresh. Pray for the "help" we are often afraid to ask for.