

Eastridge Church
Sermon Study Questions

Series - Mark: The Untold Story of Jesus

Week 31: The New Normal

Passage: Mark 10:13-16



Conversation Starter:

Share a story about your mom or a motherly figure in your life that was formational to who you are today.

Re-read Mark 10:13-16

Pastor Dwain pointed out how the disciples were acting with the mindset that there are “insiders” and “outsiders” by restricting children from approaching Jesus. He rebukes his disciples for this and is indignant (two very strong words!) at them, but he takes the time to correct them from going down the dangerous path of exclusivity that they are on. *Read Hebrews 12:5-11, what does this passage say in regards to correction and discipline and what it means about our identity? What hardship or correction have you received from God recently? What do you believe God is pressing you towards?*

“Me do it myself!”, shouts every 2 year old. This strong desire to accomplish things on our own and not need others doesn’t disappear as we get older. If anything, independence is viewed as a virtue in our culture. Jesus modeled a different way. He could have done everything himself, but he didn’t. Instead He gave His disciples responsibilities and invited them (and us!) to be participants with Him in bringing about the kingdom of God. He lived into who He truly was and allowed the disciples to learn by seeing His example. *How does the dependence of a child model how we are meant to receive and bring about the kingdom of God? How can we model depending on each other? What would it mean for us to “learn by seeing” as we follow Jesus today?*

Finish your time praying through the following points. Don’t rush this, make time to wait for a response or confirmation from God.

Praying for Jesus’ New Normal in These Days:

- **Help me see, who I really am because of you.**
- **Help me see, how you love me in these difficult days.**
- **Help me see, I’m not complete without Your family.**
- **Help me know, your deep blessing beyond all I have.**

Ways to dig deeper:

- Make a point to connect with someone this week that you have been meaning to connect with.
- Let us know of ways that we can be praying for you by submitting requests [here](#).