

ROAD RULES

[Mark 10](#) records four events in the life of Christ that Jesus turned into teaching moments, summarizing each story with a simple statement. These statements contain essential principles for Christian living ... they are the rules of the road for anyone wanting to live in God. This series will help us learn about a life of grace, a life of faith, a life of service, and a life without limits.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read [Mark 10:13-16](#). Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important. Why are they important?
2. Why were the people bringing their little children to Jesus?
3. The parents wanted Jesus to touch their little children and thereby place God's blessing upon them. In what ways can "appropriate" touch minister to those around you? Bless others? Bring a type of healing (not necessarily physical)?
4. Why do you think that the disciples rebuked the people for bringing their little children to Jesus? Had His disciples done this before? (Hint: [Matthew 14:15, 15:23](#); [Mark 9:36-37](#); etc.).
5. Considering [Mark 10:14](#), how does Jesus react when He saw what His disciples were doing? *Please note that this is a strong emotion in the original Greek.*
6. Jesus gives the instructions, "Let the little children come to Me. Don't stop them," What are some ways we might hinder our children or relatives from coming to Christ? What are some way we might hinder others from drawing closer to Jesus?
7. In a solemn pronouncement Jesus developed "the truth" found in [Mark 10:14](#). What does He state in [Mark 10:15](#)?

MOVING FORWARD

Jesus said that in order to enter the kingdom of God a person must have the trust and dependence that is characteristic of a little child ... a trust and dependence upon Jesus Christ. Jesus is not referring to some supposed innocence of a child, for we are all born in sin and need the forgiveness only Jesus can give; it's His gift to us. Are you helping or hindering in spreading His gift to others?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

¹³ Some people were bringing little children to Him so He might touch them, but His disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me. Don't stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ I assure you: Whoever does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ After taking them in His arms, He laid His hands on them and blessed them." [Mark 10:13-15](#)