York St Small Groups Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 2 August 2020

Our Family Tree - Our Value

Mark 10:13-16



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



GETTING STARTED

Q1. Has anyone done something for you that made you feel so valued that you just knew that they both knew you well and cared for you deeply? Journal those thoughts if you are alone, or if you are in a group, share with each other.

Q2. Often when it comes to thinking of value, there are two extremes; people who deflect the term 'you are valued' and think that it's about others, and those who think everything is about them. Can you think of a time when value was found in a group, a part of a team, or a part of a family?

INTO THE WORD

Read Mark 10:13-16

Q3. In this passage of scripture, we see both value models; those who think the value is for others such as kids, and those who see the value in what they believe - that the value belonged somewhere else. Where does Jesus place the value in this passage?

Q4. Jesus didn't just dismiss the disciples; he valued them, taught them, and was able to focus their value onto the children and on God. He did this purposefully and all at once. Can you think of an area of your life that Jesus could speak into in regards to value?

Read Palm 139:13-14

Q5. Every person on earth is valued by their creator; they are loved, they are fearfully and wonderfully made. Therefore, as Christ's ambassadors, how are we to treat others in a way that shows God's value for them?

GOING DEEPER

Read Romans 8:14-16

Q6. On Sunday, Pastor Jenny aligned the passage of Mark 10 (allowing the children to come to Jesus) and Romans 8 (we are all children of God) together. Becoming like a child does not mean that we are immature or childish, it means that we belong to a loving father who values us deeply. He loves you so much that he gave everything for you (John 3:16).

Pastor Jenny also spoke about how children are fearless when it comes to sharing their faith. Their love of the 'Father' outweighs their 'fear' of the world, being bold and unashamed in their sharing of what or who is most important to them.

How can we take on a childlike faith, a boldness, a fearlessness in our actions so that we can 'receive the Kingdom of God'? How can you see both your value and the value in others this week?

Pray

Heavenly Father, help us to see ourselves the way that you see us. We ask that we would have eyes to see others how you see them, may we not only do our part to pass on our faith to the next generation, but also help us to have a childlike faith ourselves. Forgive us for the times we have judged as the disciples did and devalued someone or a group, and help us to have the courage to restore those relationships for the benefit of the Kingdom. Thank you for loving me, for loving us, and for giving us all that we need; you are mighty! In Jesus' name we pray, amen