the Venues

Go Deep
"Finding Neverland"
Children: #Blessed
Mark 10:13-16
May 28, 2017

What adult had the biggest, most positive influence on you?

What specific words would you use to describe our present disposition toward children under the age of 6?

*What **attitudes and behaviors characterized your family's disposition toward kids as you were growing up?***

Read Mark 10:13-16

> *What attitudes and behaviors was Jesus rebuking?*

> *Why do you think the disciples rebuked the crowd for bringing their children?*

In the concentric circle of social status in the Roman Empire, children were on or near the outside of that circle.

> *What is Jesus communicating by giving children center stage?*

> ***How does Jesus' elevation of children fit with his overall mission (Luke 4:14-19, Luke 6:20-22)?***

> The action of Jesus toward the children reflect a common Hebrew experience - giving a blessing. Check out Genesis 27:38.

> *What actions did Jesus take with the children?*

There was a "meaningful touch" (Mark 10:13,16).

> Experts tell us that human touch is the foundation of human relationships.   Touch benefits us physically, emotionally, spiritually, socially and mentally. NBA teams who "touched" each other (fist bumps, chest bumps, high fives, hugs, etc, did better than the low-touch teams.

> *How do you describe your need for touch? A hugger? Enjoy massages? A hand-holder? Stay away from me!*

There was from Jesus a statement of value. *What is that statement?*

> *What do you think the adults thought when Jesus told them that the kingdom of God was made up of children?*

> *When was a time that you were left off a team? Picked last? Excluded from a party or get-together?*

Jesus "blessed" the kids. The word "blessed" means "to speak well to someone with intensity."

Who, in your life, has spoken really encouraging words? What were they?

On the other side, what is the most hurtful thing your parents have said to you?

Have you received the blessing? Are you still looking for the blessing? What will you do this week to give a blessing to people?