

"YET HOPE"

Week 5

KEY PASSAGES:

1 Cor 2:2 I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 6:19 We have this hope that's an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Mark 10:13-14 People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them... but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 9:33-37 He asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me."

Mt 15:16 "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them.

Mark 10:15-16 I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

Lamentations 2:19 Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint from hunger at every street corner.

QUESTIONS:

1. What are three words or phrases you would use to describe your 16 yr. old self?
2. Can you think of a personal experience/observation of a little child being a picture of hope?
3. Read the Lamentations 2:19 verse above. Young people were crying out from the streets from physical hunger. What would you say the youth of today are crying out for?
4. Read Mark 10:13-14 above. Can you think of a time where you saw other Christians doing what the disciples do here? Have you ever been the disciples here?
5. Read Mt. 15:16 above, and then share an instance in your life where Jesus could have rightly said that same thing to you.
6. What have been some of the most important and influential times/experiences in your childhood where you were given an opportunity to encounter Jesus?
7. Read Mark 10:15-16. What do you think it means to "receive the kingdom of God like a little child?"
8. For those willing, share *any* time in your life where you were made to feel like you *mattered*, like you were deeply loved, you had value and purpose... describe that time.
9. PERSONAL REFLECTION: How can you make additional sacrifices in your comforts and preferences in order to invest in the young generation and impart the hope of Jesus to them?