Leader guide

Childlike or Childish

Intro: If you heard the sermon from this past weekend from Pastor Eddie or Pastor Chris, what was one takeaway you would have from those?

Scripture Reading: Take some time to read through Mark 10:13-16 and then 1st Peter 1:13-2:3 as a group out loud. What was significant to you after hearing it?

Questions:

1. What is your relationship to children? Do you have any, or do you not? Does your extended family have quite a bit? Maybe you're someone who works with kids on a frequent basis. What are some of the blessings and the difficulties with children?

2. P.Eddie and P.Chris identified three habits to reflect on in our life to determine if we are childlike, or childish. Which one of these are you most susceptible to, and how can you avoid the temptation to engage in childish ways?

- Student or Smart Aleck
- Selfless or Selfish
- God's Glory or My Glory

3. Where are you at in the maturity of your faith? Are you like the newborn mentioned in 1st Peter 2:2, or are you more like a spiritual young adult/parent? How can we spur each other on to want to be the latter?

Action Step

Even though works do not save us (our faith does), others see the works that we do and attach that to the faith in which we have. How are you building healthy habits in your faith journey to grow into Christlikeness in this life? Perhaps its ridding your life of consistent sin that ensnares you, like some mentioned in 1st Peter. For others you may be free from consistent sin, but haven't taken the next step of learning how to **make disciples** in your local context. Talk about that with one another and come up with your personal step!

Closing Actions

Take some time to collect **prayer requests** and **praises**. Write them in a group chat (like your Church Center app messages) so that others can pray if they couldn't make it.

Take some time to announce personal and church events that are coming up! It's a great way to have fun and grow as a group.