

Open Arms
“Opening Our Arms to Families”
Mark 10:13-14

1. Opening Our Eyes
 - a. To Families : Receive instead of Rebuke
 - b. To Children : Help instead of Hinder
2. Opening Our Arms
 - a. The Plan
 - i. More room for growth
 - ii. Better security
 - iii. “Kid-friendly” ministry space
 - b. The Project
 - i. Relocate and Renovate
 - ii. Serving and Giving
3. Opening Our Hearts
 - a. So the Children can come to Jesus
 - b. So the Kingdom can come to Families

LifeGroup Questions: Applying the Teaching to Our Life

1. Read Mark 10:13-16. Have you ever had a bad experience visiting a church?
2. What can you personally do to make sure people who come to our church feel a warm welcome?
3. Why do you think the disciples rebuked those who were bringing children to Jesus?
4. Read Colossians 4:5-6. How could these verses be applied to “outsiders” who visit our church?
5. Mark 10:13-16 reveals an area where the disciples weren’t doing well in their adventure of “becoming” like Christ. How many other of our “5B’s” are mentioned or alluded to in this passage?
6. As we seek to apply this passage to our own church, we’re asking everyone to give and serve somewhere. Which area best suites you to serve: Host Ministry or helping with the Open Arms Project? You can sign up online at www.churchoftheopendoor.org or at church.
7. Who could you bring to church next week when we talk about “Opening Our Arms to Jesus: How to Receive the Kingdom of God”? Close your group by praying they will respond to your invitation.

Core CHRISTlike Characteristic:
Relate with Other-Centered Love/Loving People