

The Chosen ---Study #3 LCR, Marion

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.^[a] ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when



you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem^[b] on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

This weeks episode is entitled: “Jesus Loves the Little Children.” Many times in scripture we have God referred to as a parent and we as God’s children. (We find God’s people being referred to as the children of God in Exodus 4.22 and Hosea 11.1 and the image of God as Father Isaiah 64.8 eg and like a mother Isaiah 49.15-16). The movie this week has chosen (pardon the pun) to have almost the whole episode with Jesus interacting with the children. Within this interaction was many of Jesus’ teachings: The Lord’s prayer, teaching about wealth, teaching about justice, etc.... .



1) In a culture where we are often suspicious of adults being alone with children, how did you feel about the whole episode highlighting this motif? What does that say about us and our culture?

2) What did you think about the children's conversation about Jesus (maybe he's a criminal, maybe he's a the new Synagogue teacher etc...)? What Biblical question do you think this conversation might relate?

3) Although this whole episode is fictional, what truth if any do you think is communicated by Jesus' interaction with the children? Some thoughts: How did her respond to their questions? What merit did they bring? Where they given tasks to accomplish? Did Jesus need them?

4) There is a poignant scene where Jesus says: "You are all so very special. And I hope that my next students ask the same questions you do and that they listen to my answers. But I suspect they do not have the understanding you do." In Mark 10.14-15 we read, "14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little



children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

What does a childlike faith look like? Is there a difference between a childlike faith and a childish faith? What 'understanding' did the children have that you think Jesus adult followers may lack?