Loving The Little Children

Learning to Love Like Jesus

John 6:1-15
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The Spiritual Importance of Children is Often Overlooked

- Probably a young child (5-10) “little boy”
- 3 of 4 gospel writers didn’t record the little boy
- Even when considered, not seen as important
- Startling statistic: 85% between 4 and 14

We (parents and church) should do **EVERYTHING** we can to invest in our kids.
Age When People Come to Christ

- Age 0 - 4: 1%
- Age 4 - 14: 85%
- Age 15 - 30: 10%
- Age 30+: 4%
The Story Would Be Entirely Different Without A Mother At Work

- He didn’t get there alone
- He probably didn’t pack his own lunch
- Someone made sure he was where Jesus was working
- Story is different without him...or his lunch
- Someone taught him to give

Make **SURE** your children are present where Jesus is at work!
Church gets kids 40 hrs a Year

Schools get kids 1200 hrs a Year

Parents get kids 3000 hrs a Year

A Reality Check for Christian Parents

It's your job to disciple your kids
As Is Often The Case A Mother’s Role Is Overlooked

- Her role is often unspoken
- Her importance is often understated
- Her actions are often under appreciated
- Her spiritual impact can’t be calculated
  - 2 Tim 1:5
- God cherishes and trusts you in secret
  - Lk 1:26 ff
- God’s trust and use of you has a price
  - Lk 2:35
- Jesus loves mothers in a special way
  - Jn 19:25-27

Mothers Hold A Special Place In The Work Of God
Today’s Response:

• Let the mothers in your life know they are valued
  > Biological mom
  > Adopted mom
  > Surrogate mom
  > Wife of your children
  > Any mom you know is alone and struggling