

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Discipleship – Part 4

Discipling Children

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on discipleship. Our topic today: Discipling Children

Scripture Theme Song: Come to Me – Matthew 11:28-30

Prayer

- 1) Valuing and protecting our children
 - a) Jeremiah 7:30-31 – a terrible rebuke from the LORD
 - b) What are some ways parents “sacrifice” their children today?
 - c) Psalm 127:3-5
 - d) Deuteronomy 6:6-7
 - e) Why is it so important to help our children hide God’s Word in their hearts?
- 2) Learning from the childhood of Jesus
 - a) Luke 2:40
 - b) Luke 2:52
 - c) Luke 2:41-51
 - d) What important lessons can we learn from Luke’s testimony about the childhood of Jesus and also how we should value and protect our children?
- 3) The ministry of Jesus to children
 - a) Blessing
 - i) Mark 10:13-16
 - b) Affirming
 - i) Matthew 21:12-16
 - c) Healing
 - i) Matthew 9:18-26
 - ii) Mark 7:24-30
 - iii) Luke 9:37-42
 - iv) John 4:46-53
 - d) Jesus showed a high regard for children by blessing, affirming, and healing them. What is your church doing to nurture children and demonstrate to them that they are valued?
 - e) What did Jesus mean when he said “except you become as little children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven”? Matthew 18:3
- 4) A warning against hurting children
 - a) Matthew 18:6
 - b) Matthew 18:10-14
 - c) We hear so many reports of child abuse. Unfortunately, there are times when this abuse even takes place in connection with church. What can we do to protect our children?
 - d) How can our Christian communities become places where those who have suffered abuse as children can experience healing and restoration?