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Part Four: The Next Generation

One of the greatest legacies we will have as a church is what we pass on to the next generation. It can be challenging to create a space for those coming behind us, but it is well worth it!

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:9 & Matthew 19:13-15 NLT

Bottom Line: We want to fund, not fight the next generation.

Discussion Questions

1. If you grew up in church, what were your favorite parts? What about church did you not like? Why?
2. Read Matthew 19:13-15. Why do you think the disciples thought that the children would bother Jesus? How does Jesus actually respond to the children? Why do you think this is important?
3. Compare Matthew 19:13-15, Matthew 18:1-6, 1 Corinthians 13:11, 14:20. In what ways does God want us to be like children? In what ways should we not be childish? What does this tell you about the kind of faith Jesus desires and what it means to become a mature follower of Jesus?
4. Discuss the following statement from Sunday's message: If church is for you, you will become critical. If church is for them, you will become constructive. Have you experienced this to be true in your own life?
5. How do you think we sometimes minimize the importance of children in church culture? What do you think Jesus would say to us about how we view the next generation?
6. How can you personally invest in the lives of the next generation at Westside?

Moving Forward

As we close this series, what is one thing that you will make sure that you apply to your life that you have learned or been impacted by? Reflect on 2 Corinthians 8:9. How does this truth about God change the way you think about who He is and how you will respond?