

LifeGroups Study Guide

Lesson Aim: To discuss some of the ways God transforms His people and nations.

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your personal study time and/or discussion.

Icebreaker: When are you most likely to lose patience with little children? When do you enjoy being around them?

1. **READ Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16 & Luke 18:15-17.** What stands out to you in these various accounts? Why?
2. Why would the disciples want to keep the babies and children away from Jesus?
3. What childlike qualities was Jesus encouraging?
4. Do we sometimes think of children in similar ways as the disciples in these narratives? How so?
5. How are children important to the future and transformation of nations? In Swaziland? In the United States of America?
6. **READ Matthew 5:1-12.** How do the eight qualities that describe “kingdom people” relate to the promises that follow them?
7. How do these promised blessings compare with what is generally prized and valued in our society and culture?
8. Which of these qualities are you most tempted to avoid? Why?
9. Of these qualities listed, which one or two do you desire most in your life right now? Why?
10. **READ Matthew 5:13-16.** How are the “Beatitudes” in verses 1-12 related to being “salt and light”?

Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.

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Swaziland: From a Snapshot of Despair to the Big Picture of Hope

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Transforming a Life and a Nation

'Let the children come to me, do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.'
Mark 10:14, Matt 19:14, Luke 18:16