## the gospel of RIA

THE SON OF GOD
The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.



45 Immediately he made his disciples get 46 And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. 47 And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. 48 And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night[g] he came to them, walking on the sea.

And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. 9 And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.



And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ"

YOU ARE THE CHRIST

And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"



TRULY, THIS MAN WAS THE SON OF GOD

### Jesus Loves The Children. Mark 10:13-16.





I. Jesus Loves the Children.II. Bringing Children to Jesus.III. Being Child-like.





#### I. Jesus Loves the Children.

Mark 10:14-16. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." 16 And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.



#### I. Jesus Loves the Children.

- Children are uniquely created by God.
- Children image God.
- Children image the Kingdom.

"for to such belongs the kingdom of God."





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### Jesus loves the "children" = Jesus loves all the oppressed.



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  Jesus.
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As a church. As parents.



As a church:

## We must have a deep love for children.



As a church:

## We must evangelize children.



As a church:

We must practice relational discipleship with children.



As a church:

We must use the Bible correctly- not as moralism but as a redemption story.



As a church:

We must teach Christ, not just Jesus.



### As a parent:



As a parent:

You must teach children to relate to God through worship.



As a parent:

# You must use law and grace correctly.



As a parent:

You must guide their heart through a relationship of love and freedom.



As a parent:

## You must model a life of holiness.



As a parent:

## You must impute identity (like God does in Christ).



As a parent:

You must constantly "preach" the gospel to yourself and your children.



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Mark 10:15. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.





### Like a child:

- Dependence.





### Like a child:

- Dependence.
- Humility.





### Like a child:

- Dependence.
- Humility.
- Wonder.





Mark 10:16. And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.



1 John 3:1-2. See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. ...<sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

