

## ***How Do You See It?***

Isaiah 55:6-9 & Mark 10:13-16

Have you ever had an opinion about a situation the moment you saw or heard it? Maybe it was someone that responded sharply to you or some loud, unruly children children that got on your nerves. We all respond to people and situations with some sort of attitude. It could be anger, disappointment, sadness, joy, tolerance, etc. But have you ever changed your opinion or perspective after you learned a little more about the situation or had a moment to pray and think on it? We know that we will never fully understand God's ways, timing or methods (Isa. 55).

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*Mark 10:16 says, "And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them."*

What this act symbolized:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (as a father) "He took them up in His arms." It showed the children His love and compassion for them.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (as a spiritual leader) "put His hands on them, and blessed them." It showed His desire to help, guide and influence them.  
It's hard to help, guide and influence people that you don't accept and show Christ's love.

Now, we see the disciples response before they knew how Christ felt about the same situation in vs.13b. What did their response? The answer is in vs. 14 "*But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeas...*" Why? What did the disciples' action/perspective do?

1. They \_\_\_\_\_ those who would bring others to Christ.
  - It's our responsibility to bring others to Christ - Luke 5:17-20, Romans 10:10-17
  - How can we bring others to Christ?
    - Take them up in the arms of \_\_\_\_\_.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ the Truth before them.
2. The children wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ but didn't know what they needed
  - The children didn't know who Christ was but He friendly and approachable. Are you?

Christ wanted His disciples to view them with an eternal perspective.

1. How do you see the \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Wild, rebellious, hopeless, out of control? God sees those for which He gave His Son.
2. How do you see the \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Waste of time, beggars, non beneficial to you. God sees sheep needing THE shepherd.
3. How do you see \_\_\_\_\_?
  - It's no big deal? God sees it as what we choose over Him and deadly to us. Matthew 7:1-5

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1. Discouraged those who would bring others to Christ.

- It's our responsibility to bring others to Christ - Luke 5:17-20, Romans 10:10-17
- How can we bring others to Christ?
  - Take them up in the arms of prayers
  - Teach & Live the Truth before them

2. The children wanted to receive a blessing

- The children didn't know who Christ was but He friendly and approachable. Are you?

Christ wanted His disciples to view them with an eternal perspective.

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- Wild, rebellious, hopeless, out of control? God sees those for which He gave His Son.

2. How do you see the Hurting?

- Waste of time, beggars, non beneficial to you. God sees sheep needing THE shepherd.

3. How do you see Your Sin?

- It's no big deal? God sees it as what we choose over Him and deadly to us. Matthew 7:1-5