

# The Thriving Church, Part 6: Youth

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## Mark 10:13–16 CEB

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, “Allow the children to come to me. Don’t forbid them, because God’s kingdom belongs to people like these children. <sup>15</sup> I assure you that whoever doesn’t welcome God’s kingdom like a child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup> Then he hugged the children and blessed them.

## Core Commitment: Prioritize Young People (and Families) Everywhere

Young people are joining and staying involved in churches that are \_\_\_\_\_ about making them and their interests a \_\_\_\_\_ in the church.

Prioritizing young people includes prioritizing \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ are the strongest spiritual influences in their kids’ lives, but they need the support and partnership of the \_\_\_\_\_. (Mark 5:21-43)

Young people need \_\_\_\_\_ roles in the community, meaning they contribute through \_\_\_\_\_ and using their gifts.

Jesus invites us to grow young as we both welcome and become like \_\_\_\_\_, who are examples of how to receive the kingdom of God. (Mark 20:13-16)

## Ideas for Action

Rethink the \_\_\_\_\_.

Ask, “How can young people be a \_\_\_\_\_ of this?”

Address family pain and brokenness through \_\_\_\_\_ groups.