## **♦**SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, June 12, 2016

# "SHARING JESUS' HEART FOR CHILDREN"

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Tomorrow begins a week of Vacation Bible School. It's a churchwide effort. It is an exclamation point on a year-round emphasis on ministry to children. The largest building program in the history of our church was for the Children's Building. Why should our ministries to children carry such priority? We need to look no further than to Jesus.

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2. Children are often viewed as	_ (v. 13).
3. Children are always	_ (v. 14).
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## 1. Children are important in the Bible (v. 13).

"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:6-9, NIV).

"Bring up your children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4, NASB).

### 2. Children are often viewed as unimportant by the world (v. 13).

# 3. Children are always important to Jesus (v. 14).

"Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14, ESV).

"Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:4, ESV).

### 4. Children are to be a priority to God's people (v. 16).

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6, ESV).

#### WHY SERVE IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY?

- Because of what it does for children
- Because of what it does for you
- Because of what it does for the Kingdom