



TOGETHER CHURCH

**GUARDRAILS
THAT HELP US
STAY THE COURSE AS A
DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH**

Week 12: May 23-29

Welcome/ Introduce Guests/ Share Life (10 minutes)
Recall the Guidelines/ Open in Prayer

Vision Casting (2 minutes): Disciple making is the process that disciple-makers engage in when they invest into the lives of those God calls them to disciple.

Hook Question (5 minutes): When have you rejected an invitation? Did you regret it later?

Ask someone to read the background for the story (2 minutes):

Towards the end of Jesus' ministry He traveled to Judea where Jewish leaders were ready to put Him to death. Upon His arrival people immediately gathered around Him. Jesus, having grown very used to this, did what He always did: He taught them. In the following teachings, Jesus would continue to reveal that His ways are not the ways of the world.

As He was teaching the Pharisees tried to trap Him in a question about divorce. Knowing their hearts, He answered them by referring to what the Father intended when he said that the two shall become one flesh... "therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." (Mark 10:12)

After answering this question, children were being brought to Him. The disciples did not like this and rebuked those who brought the children. Jesus was indignant towards the disciples because of how they treated the children and told them to let the children come to Him. He used children as an example of faith saying, "...whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." Mark 10:15.

These teachings would have been unusual to any Jew. Divorce was not unusual and children were not primary examples of obedience to God. But the way of Jesus was different. It was better. Unfortunately, not all who received an invitation to follow Him would accept it because of how different it was. This is where our story begins...

Tell the story from Mark 10:17-31: (12 Minutes): Change the storyteller often.

Rebuild the Story Mark 10:17-31: Group members retell the story as well as possible.

Read the story from Mark 10:17-31: Ask the group to read these verses.

Discussion Questions: Learn to talk about God's word with others. **(Take as much time as needed.)**

- What do you like or dislike about this story?
- What does this story teach you about yourself?
- What does this story teach you about God?
- How have you tried to earn your salvation in the past? What changed?
- What is God speaking to you about? How do you need to apply this story to your life today?
 - Is there something in your life you need to let go of to more fully follow God?

Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in Prayer.