

Understanding and Reaching the Whole Child

CONSIDERING A HOLISTIC VIEW OF THE CHILD - THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE NOT SO DELIGHTFUL

**"A person's a person,
no matter how small."
- Dr. Seuss**

- A. REMEMBER WHO WE ARE SERVING!
 - 1. WE SERVE OUR KING IN EVERYTHING WE DO.

 - 2. THE OUTPOURING OF OUR SERVICE TO CHRIST WILL BE SERVING AND LOVING OUR KIDS!

- B. WHAT IS MY VIEW OF THE CHILDREN I SERVE?

- C. OUR CHILDREN ARE NOT
 - 1. INFORMATIONAL MAILBOXES
 - 2. ACTION NAMETAGS.

- D. OUR CHILDREN ARE
 - 1. IMAGE BEARERS OF GOD - GENESIS 1:26-27
 - A. MADE IN THE IMAGE OF THE CREATOR, GOD
 - 1. GENESIS 1:27
 - B. CREATED TO RULE OVER THE EARTH AS GOD WOULD RULE - REPRESENTING HIM
 - 1. ISAIAH 1:17
 - C. CREATED UNIQUELY AS INDIVIDUAL IMAGE BEARERS
 - 1. 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27
 - D. CREATED FOR RELATIONSHIP.
 - 1. GENESIS 2:18-25

- E. AS WE SERVE IMAGE BEARERS, WE WANT TO SERVE THE WHOLE CHILD.
 - 1. MIND
 - 2. HEART
 - 3. HANDS

- F. AS WE SERVE IMAGE BEARERS WE RECOGNIZE THE BROKENNESS OF BOTH OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN.
 - 1. MIND
 - 2. HEART
 - A. JEREMIAH 17:9
 - 3. HANDS
 - A. EPHESIANS 2:1-5

- G. WE RELY ON JESUS TO SHAPE OUR VIEW.
 - 1. HE HAS CONQUERED SIN AND HAS POWER TO TRANSFORM OUR LIVES IN EVERY WAY.
 - 2. JOHN 15

- H. HOW DOES THIS CHANGE MY VIEW OF THE PEOPLE I SERVE?



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) How does this (breaking down what an image bearer is, examining the boxes and labels we put on children, and looking to Jesus for a more holistic view of a child) change my view of the children I serve?*
- 2) What are specific ways you can change your practices to reflect the fact that children are image bearers?*
- 3) List ways that you can help children know and understand the unique gifts God has given them as His image bearers.*

