Why God Loves Kids | November 5

Opening Up:
Complete this sentence: “My greatest achievement was a child was....”
Complete this sentence: “When I was a child, I was most self-conscience about my....”
Tell a story of rock star adult in your life when you were young.

Discuss:

1. Read Romans 8:15: If you were trying to explain the “Spirit of Adoption” to someone, what would you say? How have you felt this Spirit? What difference has this Spirit made in your life?
2. What is distinct about parental love, versus other kinds of love? How does it make you feel to know that God loves you like you are his one and only child? (John 17:23)
3. In Mark 10:14 we read that the Kingdom belongs to children. Children receive far more from their parents than they are able to give. Children are grace receivers. What grace has the Father shown you this week?
4. In Psalm 127:4 we see that kids are like arrows in a warrior’s hand. Are you more likely to see what kids are not able to do, rather than seeing their kingdom potential? Who was a person that saw your potential, how did this affect you?
5. How can you better invest in the lives of kids at New City Church?
6. In Mark 9:37 we read that whoever receives a child is receiving God. You may not be called to foster or adopt, but you are called to care. What is something you can do to better love and provide for vulnerable children in our city through the ministries of New City? (Note the kind of religion that God honors, James 1:27)
7. Read Isaiah 58:6-11 and discuss how these verses will (or have) added your prayer time this week.
8. What is God saying to you about kids in our city? (Remember: Fasting is a means by which we can identify with, and pray for, the vulnerable.)
9. Think about this phrase: We are a family of rescued kids called to be a family that rescues kids. What is one thing you are deciding to do that will make a difference for kids at New City and in Albuquerque?
10. Pray.