

## **Leading Little Hearts without Little Ones at Home**

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Explore how to serve faithfully and effectively while facing the challenges of leading in Children's Ministry without children. Together, we'll share encouragement, practical ideas, and a renewed vision for how God uses us to shape young hearts.

1. Welcome
  - Introductions
  - Goals
  
2. The Calling
  - God's view of children
    - o Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."
  
  - God's view of those without children
  
  - The role of the church
  
3. Acknowledging the Realities and Challenges
  - Feeling dismissed by parents/volunteers/fellow staff members
  
  - Emotional/spiritual/internal struggles
  
  - Increased expectations
  
4. Practical Ideas and Strategies
  - Building credibility and connection
  
  - Relating Without Personal Experience
  
  - Boundaries—You are allowed to have them!
  
  - Troubleshooting—What are the pain points we can help you through?