

**FRAMEWORK FOR THIS SERIES: WITNESS<sup>1</sup>**

- Jesus’ call for us to be His disciples is very similar to the call He gave the first apostles: **be with Him** and **be witnesses for Him**. (Mark 3:14)
- There are eleven specific relationships you need to fulfill Jesus’ mission and purpose for you.
  - One person cannot meet all the needs of the other person.
  - You serve in witness roles for others too.

<sup>1</sup> Series based upon Leonard Sweet’s book, 11 Indispensable Relationships

**Acts 12:12-16 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup> When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. <sup>13</sup> Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. <sup>14</sup> When she recognized Peter’s voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, “Peter is at the door!”

<sup>15</sup> “You’re out of your mind,” they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, “It must be his angel.”

<sup>16</sup> But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished.

**Mark 10:13-16 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup> I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup> And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

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**THE BIG IDEA**

It’s not about making \_\_\_\_\_ more like \_\_\_\_\_,  
but \_\_\_\_\_ becoming more like \_\_\_\_\_.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF “RHODAS” (LITTLE ONES)

- ✓ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ it – “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” (Mark 10:14b)
  
- ✓ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ it – “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” (Mark 10:14c)

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*“A childish faith needs to have an answer and needs it now—if not I will take my ball and go somewhere else. A childlike faith trusts the one in charge, not understanding it all but loving or honoring the one in charge.” (Leonard Sweet)*

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### Matthew 18:2-3 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> He called a little child and had him stand among them. <sup>3</sup> And he said: “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

- \_\_\_\_\_ to ask \_\_\_\_\_
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ on others
  
- desire to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ about it – “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” (Mark 10:15)

### John 1:12-13 (NLT)

<sup>12</sup> But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup> They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.