



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

FOR THE SERMON PREACHED: July 16, 2017

PASSAGE: Mark 10:13-21

1. In this study we will look at Matthew 19:13–30 which parallels Mark 10:13–31, and also Matthew 18:1–5 and see that entrance into God’s Kingdom is on His terms not ours.

a. Read Matthew 19:13–15, and Matthew 18:1–5, make careful note to all the references to children including pronouns. What shows us that every reference to children is not simply speaking of children? How does the low position of children in Jesus's day illustrate the humility necessary for entrance into the kingdom?

b. In Matthew 18:1 the disciples ask a question and we know from Mark 9:33-37 they were also arguing over this. In Matthew 18:1-7 what reasons do we see for Jesus using a child to answer the question of greatness? In verse 3 we see entrance into the Kingdom comes from becoming like a child. How is trusting in Christ for salvation similar to becoming like a child? In verse 4 we see greatness in the kingdom comes from humbling yourself like a child. Where do you see you have needed to do the same in your faith?

2. Read Matthew 19:16–22 looking for answers to the following:

a. Of the 10 commandments, which does Jesus mention to the man and why do you think he skipped the other 5? What do we learn of the man’s heart based on his questions and responses to Jesus in verses 16-20? Jesus gives another command to the man in verse 21, why did he give him this command? What specific command would Jesus give to you?

- b. In Matthew 19:16-22 what did Jesus offer the man and why was his response in some ways so ironic? In someone you know who is unsaved, where specifically do you see pride that is keeping them from salvation? How will you speak against that pride by speaking the gospel into their convictions?
- c. In Matthew 19:23–30 what is the cost for you being a disciple and serving God? What is the reward? Think through the description of what it will cost you and determine which you may need to let go, or other things you may need to let go?

Memory verse: Matthew 18:3 or Mark 10:15