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“Following Jesus”
Mark 10:13-31
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we return to our study of the book of Mark. In this passage, Jesus is approached by a rich man who wants to go to heaven. The man claims to have kept the commandments all his life. Jesus tells him he has to also sell all he has and give it to the poor. This is an interesting command because not everyone in scripture is told to sell all they have. This week we will look at how we should view our possessions, and the greater possessions that are to come.



Read Mark 10:13-31(NET)

¹³ Now people were bringing little children to him for him to touch, but the disciples scolded those who brought them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me and do not try to stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ I tell you the truth, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ After he took the children in his arms, he placed his hands on them and blessed them.

¹⁷ Now as Jesus was starting out on his way, someone ran up to him, fell on his knees, and said, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰ The man said to him, “Teacher, I have wholeheartedly obeyed all these laws since my youth.” ²¹ As Jesus looked at him, he felt love for him and said, “You lack one thing. Go, sell whatever you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²² But at this statement, the man looked sad and went away sorrowful, for he was very rich.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ The disciples were astonished at these words. But again Jesus said to them, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ They were even more astonished and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and replied, “This is impossible for mere humans, but not for God; all things are possible for God.”

²⁸ Peter began to speak to him, “Look, we have left everything to follow you!” ²⁹ Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, there is no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the gospel ³⁰ who will not receive in this age a hundred times as much—homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, fields, all with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🔍 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Why does Jesus say that we must receive the Kingdom like a child?

9. Could the rich man really have kept all the commandments?

10. Why does Jesus tell the rich man to sell all he has and give it to the poor?

11. Why is it so hard for a rich man to enter heaven? Is it impossible?

12. What must be given up to enter the Kingdom of Heaven?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. Do we have to sell all we have to enter the Kingdom of Heaven?

14. What does God teach us in this passage about the benefit of being generous?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES