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The Disciple's Reward

Mark 10:23-31

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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

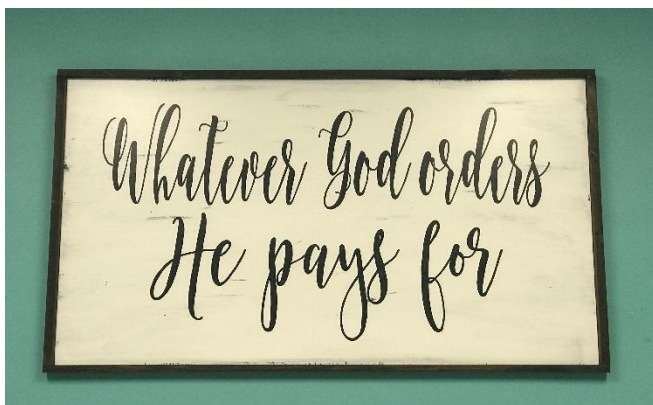
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

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 will be studying Mark 10:23-31. Jesus had just finished addressing the rich young ruler and lamenting the challenge of the wealthy to enter heaven. Peter then mentions he and his fellow disciples have left everything for him, insinuating the question, “What about us?”. Though the disciples have a special reward as seen in Matthew 19:28, Jesus promises a reward for all those who sacrifice to follow Him, on earth as well as heaven. Join us this week as we look at the faithfulness of God and how He wants to use us to fulfill His promise.



MARK 10:23-31 NASB

²³ And Jesus, looking around, *said to His disciples, "How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ The disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus *answered again and *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 man to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ They were even more astonished and said to Him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Looking at them, Jesus *said, "With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."

²⁸ Peter began to say to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel's sake, ³⁰but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life. ³¹ But many *who are* first will be last, and the last, first."

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

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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

- 1) What seems to be expected of one of Jesus' followers according to this passage?

- 2) What did Peter mention to Jesus? Was he out of line?

- 3) What relationship do you see between the list in verse 29 and the list in verse 30?

- 4) Why would a disciple of Christ make such heavy sacrifices?

- 5) Do you think Jesus literally means a hundredfold of each listed item? Why or why not?

- 6) What else will the disciple receive on top of their blessings?

7) Why did Jesus say this to the disciples?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

8) Could you sacrifice some of the things that seem to be expected as a follower of Christ? What would make it challenging?

9) When have you seen the Lord reward you for a sacrifice you made for His/the gospel's sake?

10) How does Jesus fulfill the promise made in this passage? How can you live that out this upcoming year?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

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