The Plight of the Over-priviledged Mark Lesson 18

**Lesson 18 – The Plight of the Over-priviledged**

**Mark 10:13-31**

**Day 1 – Review**

1. What challenged or encouraged you from the lecture, and how did it help you in your Christian walk?

2. What in the notes helped you to understand God’s Word, and how did you   
apply it?

**Day 2 – Read Mark 10: 13-16**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson. One possible verse to pray is I Sam.3:9. Lord, speak now, for Your servant listens.*

3. According to the text, who was being brought to Jesus and for what reason?

What did the disciples do? (list verse)

4. ***Thought Question:***  Based upon the disciples’ actions, what can you infer about their attitude toward children?

5. Verse 14 says when Jesus saw the disciples’ response to the children, He was indignant. Google or look up the definition of **indignant** in the dictionary, and explain what you think Jesus was feeling about the disciples’ attitude toward children.

6. In verses 14 and 15, Jesus responds to His disciples with four teaching points regarding children and the kingdom of God. What four points did you find?

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7. ***Personal Question:*** When have you found yourself with a critical or dismissive attitude toward someone that might hinder them from coming to Christ? *(Think, for example, about people who don’t fit your mold of what a Christ-follower should look or act like, or possibly even a follower of Christ that doesn’t meet your expectations.)* What should you do when you sense you have this kind of ugly, critical spirit?

8. ***Thought Question:*** Reread Verse 15.Jesus says we are to receive the kingdom of God like a child. As you look at your own or other people’s children, list some child-like qualities that Jesus says are important for receiving truth about the kingdom of God? *Note: Jesus didn’t mean all child-like qualities are to be considered! All of us are born sinners.*

***Apply this day:*** *Have you considered the worth Jesus put on children and how you could serve Him by volunteering to teach a child about the kingdom of God? Pray about serving in a local children’s ministry or volunteering in the one that meets here each week. Approach the Lord today in humility and ask for His direction. Be ready to obey Him as His child!*

**Day 3 – Read Mark 10: 17-22**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

9. Using Mark 10:22 and Luke 18:18, describe the man who approached Jesus and knelt before Him?

10. What question does the wealthy ruler ask Jesus? What about this question confirms he was listening to all Jesus had taught just prior to this?   
(See Mark 10:14-15)

11. ***Thought Question:*** Do you think the man was exhibiting child-like qualities in the way he approached Jesus? What were they?

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12. In verse 18, Jesus responds to the man’s question with a question, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.” What is Jesus leading the man to acknowledge about Jesus? Read the following verses to help with your answer.

John 1:1,14-

John 10:30-

John 20:28-

13. What does verse 21tell you about Jesus?

14. (a) What does Jesus tell the rich young man that he lacks?

(b) Jesus knew this young man and recognized that in his particular case, the young man’s wealth had completely captured his heart. Therefore out of love, Jesus told the young man to first give away all he possessed and then come follow. Does Jesus’ specific command to the rich young man apply to all believers? Why or why not?

15. ***Thought Question:***  In spite of Jesus’ love, and gentle teaching, what is the   
rich young man’s response in verse 22? What causes him to respond this way?

***Apply this day:****What is your heart clinging to that is more important than following Jesus completely? When others look at your life, who or what do they see that has first place in your life—Jesus or your possessions, friends, family, or goals? Prayerfully consider Jesus’ encouraging words in Matthew 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*

**Day 4 – Read Mark 10: 23-27**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

16. What truth did Jesus turn to his disciples and teach immediately after the wealthy man left? Give verse.

17. What illustration does Jesus give to help them understand the difficulty a rich person will have entering the kingdom of God? Is it difficult or impossible?

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18. The disciples were both “amazed at His words” (vs 24) and “exceedingly astonished” at this teaching and said to Jesus, “Then who can be saved?” (vs 26)

a. What did Jesus look at them and say?

b. How was Jesus addressing the the danger of riches as well as the gift of salvation, both of which are further defined in the following verses:

Matthew 6:24**-**

1 Peter 2:11-

Colossians 3:2-

Ephesians 2:8,9-

Titus 3:5-7-

19. ***Personal Question:*** Jesus teaches that affluence, riches, seeking after and loving the things money can buy can be terrible temptations. Do you *truly* feel   
sorry for the wealthy who have succumbed to this temptation and are missing the kingdom of God, *or* do you envy what they have? When have you been caught in   
this temptation? Describe how the lure of riches can hinder faith in God.

21. ***Thought Question:*** Based on Jesus’ response in verse 25**,** is there *anything* that anyone can do to save themselves from the temptation of riches or does God have to do the work in each individual’s heart?

***Apply this day:*** *Jesus made it very clear that riches and wealth can tempt a follower of Jesus to take their eyes off of the kingdom of God, and it is impossible for man alone to overcome this temptation! Only God can open their eyes. (Mark 10:26) Today, ask the Lord to enable you to set your mind on things above and to teach you how to use the riches and wealth He has given you for His eternal kingdom.*

**Day 5 – Read Mark 10: 28-31**

*Please pray before beginning you lesson.*

22. Read verse 28 along with Mark 1:18. What did Peter mean when he said   
“We have left everything and followed You!”

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23. What does Jesus say will be the rewards of those willing to follow Him at   
all costs?

24. ***Personal Question*:** Have you ever made the decision to follow Jesus even   
if it means leaving things and people who are important to you? Was it worth it?

25. ***Thought Question*:** Jesus says in verse 30 that the hundredfold received back will include houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and lands. What do you think these blessings of Jesus might look like in this time?

26. According to the second part of verse 30,with what will these rewards be mixed? By what will they be followed?

27. Explain verse 31 in your own words.

***Apply this day:*** *Pray today for your heart to be devotedly drawn to God’s kingdom and for His enabling to place your possessions into His hands (since everything we have belongs to Him anyway!). Remember you “are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that you should walk in them.” (Eph.2:10)*

**Day 6 – Reread Mark 10 : 15 (SOAP)**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

**Scripture** – *Write the verse.*

**Observation** – *Record something you learned from this verse*. *Possible questions to ask for observation: What principle do I learn? What warning should I heed? What commandment should I obey? What aspect of God’s character do I see?*

**Application** – *How can I apply this verse to my life?*

**Prayer** – *Pray to God, praise Him, and ask Him for what you need in response to what you learned. Write down your prayer.*