



**Mark: *The Way to Wholeness***  
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**“The Cost of Living in Wholeness”**  
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**Key Verses:** Mark 10:13-31

**Key Thought:** The felt “cost” of wholeness (i.e., life in God’s kingdom) depends on how attached you might be to anything else.

**Points to Consider:**

- Jesus says that we must receive the kingdom of God like a child.
- Jesus lovingly exposes that the rich man needs to break his attachment with possessions and follow Jesus in order to inherit eternal life.
- All of us are wealthy, compared to the vast majority of the world’s population.
- We might think we have stuff, when our *stuff* might have *us*.
- Trying to hold onto riches while entering God’s kingdom is as absurd as a camel trying to pass through the eye of a needle!
- Human riches do not save; God, alone, can save.
- God will bless those who “detach” in order to attach themselves to him.

**Discussion Questions:**

- In view of the encounter with the rich man and the subsequent conversation with the disciples, what does Jesus mean that we must receive God’s kingdom “like a child”?
- Imagine yourself in the “shoes” of the rich man. What attachments might be hindering you from complete “attachment” to Jesus?
- How might the Holy Spirit be leading you to break the power of these attachments?
- What makes “attachment” to Jesus a wise investment (even if it requires breaking with attachments that we’ve cherished)?