

Sermon Discussion Questions
For the Week of November 12, 2023

Sermon Information:

The Upside Down Kingdom
Matthew 19:13-30

Two Examples:

- One group came with nothing to offer and trusted in Jesus.
- One man came with an impressive resume and trusted in himself.

Three Truths:

- What the world sees as blessings can often be barriers.
- Salvation is given by God not earned by man.
- Those who surrender all will receive abundant rewards.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think the disciples rebuked the people who were bringing children to Jesus?
In what ways do we sometimes display that same attitude?
2. Was there any way that the rich man approached Jesus that was good/commendable?
What do you think was his greatest misconception/misunderstanding?
3. Read Matthew 19:21. What would be the danger of universalizing this call for followers of Jesus? What is the danger of minimalizing this call for followers of Jesus?
4. The rich man's wealth might have been considered a blessing for many, but it was actually a barrier to his faith. Have you ever seen this to be true in your own life?
5. Jesus got personal with the rich young man and pointed out the greatest idol in his life. What is the greatest idol in your life? What would it look like for you to surrender this and trust in God? How can Matthew 19:29 encourage you in this process?