

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 11-19-25
Matthew Chapter 19 Part 17
We have forsaken all.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) It is important to remember that believers see what the unbeliever cannot see.
- 2) We looked at the story of the rich man and Lazarus. Luke 16
 - a) “torment” – torture, acute pain.
 - b) John 3:18-19 –
- 3) Jesus said in Matthew 19:23-24 -
 - a) “shall hardly” – not impossible.
 - b) The danger – putting your trust in riches and possessions.
- 4) The disciples asked, “Who then can be saved?”

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) We now turn our attention to Peter’s next question. Matthew 19:27.
- 2) This next conversation runs from Matthew 19:27 through chapter 20:16.

2. Peter said, “Behold we have forsaken all...”

a. Verse 27 –

- 1) How is Peter looking at his life at this moment?
 - a) “forsaken all” – left their former lives, jobs, homes, possessions, families and their own personal ambitions.
 - b) “and followed thee” – one who joins as a disciple.
- 2) Why is this act of forsaking important to point out here?
 - a) It is an act of faith –
- 3) Peter’s next question is one we may have thought about asking.
 - a) “What shall we have therefore?”
 - b) Is there a reward, a return on such a sacrifice?
 - c) It might be wise to shift the thinking here from sacrifice to investment.

b. Verse 28

- 1) Jesus is speaking of a time to come.
 - a) Jesus will bring about a complete restoration and renewal of all things. Rev. 21:1-5
 - b) “regeneration” – what is this referring to?
- 2) “shall sit in the throne of His glory.”
 - a) When He makes all things new, He will reign as King.
 - b) “throne of His glory” – speaks of His authority, majesty and rule as Messiah.
 - c) Matthew 25:31 and Daniel 7:13-14
- 3) “ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones.”
 - a) A unique place of honor and authority.
 - b) “judging” – to rule, govern, preside over with power to give judicial decisions.
- 4) “judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”
 - a) Speaks to the role the disciples will have in governing and leading God’s people.
- 5) What is the principle here?

c. Verse 29 –

- 1) “And every one” – this promise extends to others who have forsaken and followed Him.
- 2) “forsaken” – giving up, leaving behind.
- 3) Do you see the cost/reward here associated with following Jesus?

- a) This is not an issue of salvation, but this is one of being a disciple.
- 4) We reckon that salvation is to all who will call upon the name of the Lord while being a disciple is a decision a believer makes that is associated with costs.
- 5) Sometimes this principle provokes hard questions.
 - a) Is it ok to love the Lord more than your spouse or children?
- d. Do you understand this verse? Luke 14:26
 - 1) Crowds were following Jesus but not everyone in the crowd were following Jesus with the right heart and motive.
 - 2) Jesus defines what it means to be a disciple. Two thoughts:
 - a) First – Verse 26 – “hate” means to love less. It isn’t that we hate our spouse or children but that our love for the Lord is such that it can appear that we love others and other things less than we love Him.
 - b) Second – “love” and “hate” can express emotion but also the will. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ you must reject all other authority from this world and be under the authority of Christ.
 - 3) “shall receive an hundredfold” –
 - a) This speaks to the truth of rewards.
 - 4) “and shall inherit everlasting life” –
 - a) The blessing of rewards and the blessing that we will forever be with Him.
- e. Verse 30 –
 - 1) To pursue the greatest here will result in the least there and to live and serve as the least here will result in the greatest there.
- 3. Tonight’s Take Away:
 - a. I think we wrestle with this more that we might want to admit.
 - b. What do you think of Luke 14:26?
 - c. While you would identify as a Christian, do you also identify as a disciple?
 - d. What is your motive for sacrifice/investment in God’s kingdom?
 - e. Jesus promises that those who follow Him, any sacrifice/investment will be returned to you many times over.