

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 11-5-25
Matthew Chapter 19 Part 16
The rich young ruler and lessons for the disciples.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) We talked through some observations.
 - a) Quick review of some of those observations.
- 2) This rich young ruler had been influenced by the teachers in his life.
 - a) The instruction he received led him to think heaven could be gained by what he did.
- 3) Jesus, in using the law and asking questions, brought this man to a crisis of belief.
 - a) Could this young man have kept these laws perfectly?
 - b) James 2:10 –
- 4) Jesus used the law one last time to expose this man's sin.
- 5) This young man walked away from Jesus unchanged.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Let's think a little more about this story and what we should take away from it.

2. An important takeaway we did not get to finish last week.

a. The urgency of the Gospel.

- 1) Seeing what they cannot see.
 - a) What is at this young man's death, nothing had changed?
 - b) What does he now understand?

b. Lazarus and the rich man. Luke 16:19-31

- 1) We can learn several things from this story.
 - a) Verse 23 –
 - b) Verse 24 –
 - c) Verse 27-28 –
- 2) A part of the torment of hell is the conscious awareness that you are separated from God because you rejected Jesus.
 - a) Matthew 13:41-42 –
 - b) "wailing and gnashing of teeth" – can indicate deep regret, sorrow and anger at one's own choices.
- 3) II Thessalonians 1:8-9 –
 - a) Why is someone separated from the Lord in hell?
 - b) That separation and torment create a question.
 - c) God has made Himself known to all people, everywhere, and at all times through General Revelation of Himself in creation and through human conscience.
 - d) In Special Revelation God has revealed truth that will bring mankind into a saving relationship with Him and will meet their needs within that relationship.
- 4) John 3:18-19 –
 - a) What do you see?
- 5) Revelation 20:11-15 –
 - a) They are judged based on what?

c. Application:

- 1) II Cor. 4:17-18 –
 - a) What is it that our eyes are focused on?
 - 2) Matthew 6:24 –
 - a) “mammon” deceitful riches, money, possessions or anything you are trusting in other than the Lord.
 - b) We always seem to go in the direction that our eyes are looking.
3. Can a camel go through the eye of a needle? Matthew 19:23-26
- a. Verse 23 –
 - 1) What an interesting and thought-provoking statement.
 - 2) Jesus did not say here it is impossible.
 - a) “shall hardly” –
 - b) What could be the issue?
 - 3) This phrase - “a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven” has some implications through translation that help us see some reasons why.
 - b. Verse 24 –
 - 1) Jesus states the previous principle in a more direct way.
 - a) It would be difficult for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, but it would be even more difficult for a rich man to become one of God’s children.
 - 2) What sticks out here?
 - 3) When the rich young ruler walked away –
 - c. Verse 25 –
 - 1) “amazed” – to strike with panic, shock, astonishment.
 - a) The disciples are possibly speechless here.
 - b) Their question – “who then can be saved?”
 - 2) Here is an interesting irony.
 - 3) The disciples were suffering a little from a misunderstanding that mirrors some of the prosperity gospel.
 - 4) “Who then can be saved?”
 - d. Verse 26 –
 - 1) BUT GOD!
 - 2) Being saved is not something that a person can do for themselves.
4. Tonight’s Take Away:
- a. What are your eyes fixed on?