

# IS FOLLOWING JESUS WORTH IT?

MATTHEW 19:23-30

## I. Following Jesus means giving up \_\_\_\_\_.

*And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." vv. 23-26*

Where in my life am I functioning as if I don't really need God?

## II. Following Jesus means giving up a \_\_\_\_\_ motives.

*Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" v. 27*

Am I following Jesus because He is worthy, or because of what I hope to get from Him?

## III. Following Jesus means \_\_\_\_\_ far more than you sacrifice.

*Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life." vv. 28-29*

Where is God inviting me to invest in eternity instead of protecting my comfort?

## IV. Following Jesus means embracing a reversed \_\_\_\_\_.

*"But many who are first will be last, and the last first." v. 30*

What decisions do I need to make today that will make sense on the last day?





### Rhythm of Holy Week

Recognize, remember, and rejoice with us this Easter season. Walk through Holy Week together as we experience the Passover celebration, Good Friday service, and Easter services as one sacred rhythm—all telling the story of redemption and resurrection.

## HOME GROUP

# Lesson + Devotional

*Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.*

1. Read Matthew 19:23-30. For additional insight read verses 16-22, and also Mark 10:17-31. Why is it difficult for a rich person to be saved?
2. What did the disciples assume by their question in verse 25?
3. How did Jesus reply to the disciples in verse 26, and what does He want the disciples to understand about entering the kingdom of God?
4. What things have you given up for the sake of Jesus? How much did you struggle to give up these things? What do you struggle to let go of now?
5. Make a list of the things we gain, both now and in eternity when we sacrifice for Jesus, citing Scripture if possible. How does reviewing this list encourage you?
6. What do rewards have to do with serving Jesus? What should our attitude be towards them?
7. Meditate over the question under points 1-3 on the sermon notes. Did one of them particularly resonate with you? Why?
8. Think of yourself as with Jesus and the people of God in the future, looking back at this time in your life. With this in mind, how would you answer the last question on the sermon notes?

## HELPFUL Quotes

Many people today think they are going to be saved by who they are or by what they have. You are truly saved when you find out that you are a sinner, a beggar in God's sight, with nothing to offer Him for your salvation. As long as a person feels he can do something or pay God for salvation, he can no more be saved than a camel can be put through the eye of a needle. - J. Vernon McGee

The principle taught in this account is that neither poverty nor wealth guarantees eternal life. ... However, what guarantees eternal life is following Christ (in faith), and what guarantees eternal rewards is living according to His commands (obedience). - Mark Bailey

When a man has many things on earth, he is in danger of thinking that he does not need God; when a man has few things on earth, he is often driven to God because he has nowhere else to go. - William Barclay

## YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



### Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

### Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



### Partner with Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

### Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



## A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God. **(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)**
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good. **(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)**
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead. **(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)**
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life. **(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)**

**You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:**

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



*We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!*