

Mark 10:13-34

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The arrival of the kingdom of God is the most important thing ever to happen to this planet. And by God's grace, we are emissaries of the King.

We have been learning, over the last several chapters of Mark, *how* we execute our kingdom responsibilities. We are to be humble, trusting Christ to work powerfully through us. We are to be vigilant, salting a dying world by words and deeds.

This week we learn something else. We are to set our affections on Christ, not diverging from the task at hand. Read the passage and answer the questions below.

- 1) Why does Jesus say the following about children: 'To such belongs the kingdom of God'? (verse 12)

- 2) How does one 'receive the kingdom of God like a child'? (verse 15) Have you received the kingdom in this way? Explain.

- 3) What 'one thing' does the rich young man lack? (verses 17-22)

- 4) Why is it so difficult to enter the kingdom of God? See verses 23-26. How can we gain entrance to the kingdom? See verse 27. Have you yourself entered the kingdom of God? How do you know?

- 5) Have you left everything and followed Jesus? Explain. If, like Peter, you have given yourself entirely to Christ, what lies in store for you? See verses 29-31.