

Study Guide
The Kingdom Has Come
Matthew 19:16-30

Big Idea: Salvation involves surrender.

1. Do you ever wonder whether you are good enough to get to heaven? What does it require to be saved? Do we just pray a prayer to accept Jesus? Can we earn our salvation? Discuss.
2. Read Matthew 19:16-22. Notice how Jesus plays into this rich man's thinking. Would you be discouraged if "perfection" were the answer? Discuss.
3. Discuss the terms used in v. 21 that describe a life of surrender. Notice that it doesn't involve obeying all the commandments. What would that life of surrender look like for us today?
3. Read Matthew 19:23-26. How do riches affect us (see 1 Tim. 6:17; Matt. 6:24)? How does Jesus do the "impossible" in our lives?
4. Read Matthew 19:26-30. Describe how Jesus blesses us when we are willing to give things up to follow Him? Have you experienced some of these blessings? How do we endure patiently, knowing these future things are coming?

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The Life of Surrender

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2. How is your giving?
3. Do you pray for opportunities to share your faith?
4. How do you view your possessions?
5. How do you approach each day?

Message Slides

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Upside Down Kingdom

I. The “Good” Game (v.16-19)

¹⁶And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” ¹⁷And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” ¹⁸He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, ¹⁹Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

I. The “Good” Game (v.20-22)

²⁰The young man said to him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?” ²¹Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²²When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

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II. The Impossibility (v.23-26)

²³And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴Again 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.” ²⁵When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁶But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

How do riches affect us?

1 Tim. 6:17

“As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.”

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Matt. 6:24

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

Is there hope for us?

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III. The Reward (v.27-30)

²⁷Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” ²⁸Jesus 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. ²⁹And 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. ³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

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For Reflection Time: Reminder or Radical?

1. Reminder- Was this a good reminder for you?
2. Radical- Is God calling you to a more radical approach to following Him?