

Study Guide
The Kingdom Has Come
Matthew 20:17-34

Big Idea: If you want to be great, you need to walk in humility.

1. Have you ever wanted to be great? What does it require to be great, in the world, in the Kingdom of God? Discuss.
2. Read Matthew 20:17-34. What was Jesus saying before James and John asked for a seat of honor? How did Jesus respond after they made their request? Discuss.
3. Discuss what Jesus said, "whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." What would this look like?
3. When James and John asked to sit at the right and left of Christ in His Kingdom was that pride? When Peter said, "though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." Was that pride? Why or Why not, discuss.
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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Steps Toward Humility: What does this look like? Discuss

1. Keep your eyes and heart totally on the Lord Jesus Christ: obedience
 - a. Philippians 2:8-11
2. Take your eyes off yourself. Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought
 - a. Romans 12:3.
 - b. Philippians 2:3.
3. Be a servant, be a slave. You are not your own you were bought with a price
 - a. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
4. Be a living sacrifice. Live your life as if you are a living sacrifice continually offering it up your life to God.
5. Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus.

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And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside, and on the way he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" And stopping, Jesus called them and said, "What do you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they recovered their sight and followed him.

Who is Jesus?

(Each scripture a separate slide)

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ ^u... the government shall be ^xupon⁴ his shoulder, and his name shall be called⁵
Wonderful ^yCounselor, ^zMighty God, ^aEverlasting ^bFather, Prince of ^cPeace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
^dthere will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it ^ewith justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.

John 1:1-5

¹ ^aIn the beginning was ^bthe Word, and ^cthe Word was with God, and ^dthe Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ ^eAll things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ ^fIn him was life, ¹ and ^athe life was the light of men. ⁵ ^dThe light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in every thing he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.



For the Christian, humility is absolutely indispensable. Without it there can be no self-knowledge, no repentance, no faith and no salvation.

— *Aiden Wilson Tozer* —

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Every good thing in the Christian life grows in the soil of humility. Without humility, every virtue and every grace withers. That's why Calvin said humility is first, second, and third in the Christian faith.

— *John Piper* —

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Pride



God sends no one away empty except those who are full of themselves. - Dwight L. Moody

Steps Toward Humility:

1. Keep your eyes and heart totally on the Lord Jesus Christ: obedience
“And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
Philippians 2:8-11
2. Take your eyes off yourself. Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought
 - a. Romans 12:3. “For by grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.”
 - b. Philippians 2:3. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
3. Be a servant, be a slave. You are not your own you were bought with a price
 - a. “But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave”
 - b. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. ... you are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body
4. Be a living sacrifice. Live your life as if it is a living sacrifice continually offering it up to God.
 - a. Romans 12:1. ... present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship
5. Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow the way of Jesus. He showed us how and has given us the power to do by the gift of his Holy Spirit.
 - a. Matthew 16:24. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.