

# Jesus For King: Kingdom Devotion

Matthew 19:16-26 (11.11.12)

## Grace Downtown Announcements

**Book of the Bible Study** is this Sunday at 3:00pm in Calvary. Join Russ Whitfield as he guides us through Hebrews in the final installment of this series.

### Note to Discussion Leaders:

Start by reading the Bible passage as a group and wrap your conversation around this passage. Read through all these questions prior to the group meeting and select questions that you think your group would respond well to and get the most out of – do not attempt to have your group answer all of them. God's word informs us about our hearts but does not leave us there - don't skimp on the grace!

### Read: Matthew 19:16-26

### Warm Up:

Reviewing the text, what can you learn about the young man addressing Jesus? What is the significance of the first question he asks Jesus and how does Jesus respond? How does Jesus help us understand the term "good" with his response?

Jesus does not list all the commandments, what's the significance of why he listed these and why he didn't list the one pertaining to possessions?

At the end of the passage, why were the disciples "greatly astonished" by this warning Jesus gave about the young man?

### Going Deeper:

We read throughout the Bible, that tasks (the pursuit of accomplishments) jeopardize our relationship with God and with others. This young man wants to "do" more to get into heaven; he doesn't ask for salvation but for tasks. As a group, list and discuss the tasks we do that bring into question our devotion to God. Why do we love tasks over loving others?

How does 1 John 4:19 help us with our addiction to tasks? What is God's to-do list for us (hint: its two commands)? What do you add to the list?

Jesus also sees the young man's things as a blockage in his heart and lovingly says that He will be the replacement to the man's stuff. Why do things get in our way of loving God and loving others? What thing in your life are you holding on tightly to? What things do you need - truly need that speak volumes about your desires?

This passage should leave us sober minded as the disciples clearly felt. Talk about modern day Christians that Jesus might give this warning to. But Jesus does not leave the disciples in despair, nor does He with us. Discuss the task that has been done to get a camel through the eye of a needle.

### Personal reflection:

How are you living for yourself, your glory and the pursuit of stuff.