

True Riches

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, April 7, 2019; Tyler Clark

Jesus calls us to repent and believe the gospel. Kingdom entrance comes through complete dependence on Jesus alone for salvation AND complete devotion to following Him regardless of the cost. The resulting joy of eternal life infinitely outweighs any riches this world has to offer.

I. Unashamed Dependence on Christ – Read Mark 10:13-16

- A. Verses 13-16 look familiar. Where have we seen a similar story in Mark? What was Jesus' purpose in the previous story?
- B. Jesus enacts another parable with children as an illustration in verses 13-16. What is the purpose of this enacted parable?
- C. In what ways are we to become "like a child" in order to enter the Kingdom of God? What are some areas in your life that may try to hinder you from becoming "like a child"?

II. Unwavering Devotion to Christ – Read Mark 10:17-27

- A. In verse 17, Jesus is setting out on His journey? To where is He going? How does this frame the following encounter with the rich young ruler?
- B. Jesus answers the rich young ruler's question with a question? What is the purpose of Jesus' response? How would you define "goodness"? What does your definition of "goodness" say about you?
- C. Jesus tells the rich young ruler that he lacks "one thing." What is the "one thing" he lacks? Is it just another law to follow or is Jesus getting at something deeper?
- D. What are some "one things" in your life? In what ways are you tempted to love and value that "one thing" more than Christ?
- E. Dependence on Christ precedes devotion to Christ. In what ways are you tempted to depend on yourself as opposed to depending on Christ? How will that impact your devotion to Christ?

III. Unimaginable Riches in Christ – Read Mark 10:28-31

- A. Devotion to Christ will be sacrificial, but it should not be a painful chore. How does Matthew 13:45 speak of following Christ? Would you say you have this joy in following Christ? Would others say they see this joyful devotion to Christ in your life?
- B. Jesus says the unimaginable riches of following Him are present both now and in the life to come. What are some specific riches of following Christ now?
- C. Jesus says persecutions will come for those who follow Him (v. 30). How can the riches of Christ available to you now and in the life to come comfort and encourage you in the midst of present trials and difficulties?