



Series: Unexpected Messiah
Passage Matthew 19:13-26
Title: Jesus and the Rich Young Leader
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Discussion Starter – Jesus receives the children and a rich young leader. What are their similarities? What are their differences? How do the disciples treat the rich young man differently?

Jesus is Never Too Busy for His Children (Matthew 19:13-15)

- What lesson is Jesus teaching His disciples here as He rebukes them for trying to keep these children away from Him? Read Matthew 18:1-4. What additional insights can we gain as to why these the children desire to come to Jesus?
- Why do you think the disciples thought it was a good idea to keep the children from Jesus? How do we sometimes act in the same manner as the disciples with people in our own lives?
- What does Jesus want us to see in this passage? What important character trait is revealed not only by our treatment of children but also outcasts?
- Read Psalm 82:1-4. What is the common characteristic of the people listed in verses 3 and 4?
- How does Jesus view worldly poverty and wealth? Which of the two do you think helps or hinders a person in coming to know God?
- Read 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12. What does this passage teach us about the poor? How do we go about discerning who to help based on this passage of scripture?

Jesus and the Rich Young Leader (Matthew 19:16-26)

- Why do you think the rich young leader came to Jesus?
- What can we observe in verse 16... About the young man's view of Jesus?...About the young man's view of righteousness? ...About the young man's view of eternal life?
- How did the young man expect to gain eternal life? Why is this reasoning so common amongst most religions? What is at the core of this reasoning that appeals to our human nature?
- Which of the commandments did Jesus NOT list to the young man and what is their significance compared to the ones He did list? How did Jesus re-phrase the tenth commandment? (Review Exodus 20:1-17).
- What do you think was going on in the young man's mind in verse 20? He thought that he had kept all the commandments yet recognized that he still was lacking. Explain this process.
- What was the young man's response as compared with that of Zacchaeus in Luke 19:8?
- What did Jesus mean when He said, "it is harder for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven"? Is there a different standard for a poor man?
- Describe the role of God's grace in your own salvation.
- How can you apply the message in this story to influence you in your daily walk with God?