

**Discussion Starter** – How has this message caused you to think about how you are investing in your eternal future?

## Rewards of Following Jesus (Matthew 19:27-30)

- Describe what you think was going on in Peter's mind after he observed Jesus' response and teaching to the rich you ruler's question of how to earn eternal life, which prompted Peter's statement and question to Jesus.
- What did Jesus tell the rich young ruler he would receive if he sold all his possessions and followed Him? How does this compare and contrast to what Jesus told Peter concerning the rewards he would receive for following Him?
- What is the regeneration that Jesus is talking about in Matthew 19:28? Read Isaiah 11:6-9. What are some of the insights we see about this regeneration period? How do you think the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD during this period?
- Describe what Jesus is referring to as the person, timing and location of the "Son of Man" sitting on the throne of His glory. Read Isaiah 9:6-7 and Revelation 11:15. What additional information do we see contained in these verses to help describe this throne of glory?
- Explain the specific positions that would be granted to the apostles who followed Jesus? What does it really mean to follow Jesus? How do we interpret the meaning of Matthew 19:29 as to our willingness to leave of forsake everything for Jesus' name's sake?
- What gives you the confidence that following Jesus will bring you rich rewards? How should we think about our rewards as Christians? Read 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 and Luke 11:13. How do these verses help to answer the questions above?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-44, 58. Summarize in your own words the teaching of this reward of receiving a spiritual body? What will the scope of your reward be based on?
- What lesson is Jesus conveying to us in Matthew 19:30-20:1-16 about "the first will be last and the last first"? What concept is He teaching here and why is this so concept generally so difficult for us to grasp?