

Main Text: Mat 19:13-22

Sermon Description: As Christ takes the occasion of questioning to reveal the Kingdom of God – this incident in Mat 19 provides a perfect opportunity to identify model citizens or subjects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The message of New Covenant membership continues to surprise His hearers as their notions, impressions, experience, and understanding are challenged by Jesus. In this passage, 2 occasions in the narrative appear back to back providing a helpful lesson in Kingdom civics. Here Christ the sovereign interacts with children and a young, successful, accomplished, learned, polite, wealthy applicant. Opening illustration: The city of Singapore and its dramatic wage gap splits the city into the very rich and the very poor... where might Christ invest the greater part of His Kingdom building capital in a situation such as this?

Heading: INTERACTIVE LESSONS FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH JESUS...

1. PERSONAL / POINTED CONTRASTS (Mat 19:13-22)

- a. Children vs. rich ruler (Mt 18:1-9)
- b. Brought vs. came (13, 16)
- c. Went away (15,22)

2. PREMISE OF THE QUESTION (19:16-17)

- a. Questions in context (19:16, 19:3, 18:21,1)
- b. Presuppositional approach
- c. Betraying humanity (Rm 3:20)

3. POWER OF THE LAW (19:17-22)

- a. Second use of law
- b. Second table strategy (Mt 22:36-37)
- c. Great possession test (Mt 16:19-21)

Close: Consider a final pointed contrast in the text... What do we ask of Christ? Children were presented to Him for the laying on of hands and prayer, while the testing pharisees and self-affirming young man came presumptuously. Heb 7:25 "...He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him since He always lives to make intercession for them."

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Contrasts	Children and Kingdom	Questions	Law keeping	Use of the Law	Great Possession
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Mt 19:13-22	Mt 18:1-9	Mt 19:16-17, 19:3,18:21,1	Rom 3:19-25	Mt 19:17-22	Mt 6:19-21

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: Mat 19:23-30