

Mark: The Storyteller's Gospel (Mark 10)

Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Series objective

This series is designed to help us take a personal look at Jesus in a way that causes us look in the mirror. Most of us would admit that we would live very different lives if we lived every moment as if we were completely devoted to Christ, what He did for us, and the calling He has for our lives.

Overview of Chapter 10

Verse 1-12	Jesus provides commentary on divorce
Verses 13-16	Jesus and the little children
Verses 17-31	The rich and the Kingdom of God
Verses 32-34	Jesus predicts His death a third time
Verses 35-45	The request of James and John
Verses 46-52	Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight

1. Read verses 1 through 12.
 - a. In what way were the Jewish leaders trying to test (or trick) Jesus?
 - b. How did Jesus respond to their initial question?
 - c. As Jesus often did, He provided "depth" to God's laws. Verses 5 through 9 provide background on God's view of marriage and His original intent. Why did God grant the Israelites divorce?
2. It seems that little children loved Jesus. My guess is He had a gentle way about Him and they sensed His infectious love (plus, I think He was a lot of fun!). In verse 15 He states: *Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.* What did He mean by this?
3. Look specifically at verses 17 through 31.
 - a. Is there any area in your life where you have been unwilling to give it up for the Kingdom and what has been the consequence?
 - b. In contrast, have you sacrificially lived for the Kingdom and how did it change your life?
4. It's easy to be critical of the request posed by James and John to Jesus and their desire for greatness (cf. verses 35-45). However, we do this more often than we want to admit it. When you are personally attacked, what is your natural response? What does this say about your view of yourself? Consider Philippians 2:3.
5. The story of Bartimaeus is truly amazing, although for many of us who have read the story it might have lost its meaning. How do you think his boldness in approaching Jesus impacted the fact He was healed? Can we learn anything from Bartimaeus' tenacity and faith in Jesus?
6. Tonight's special guest is Sam Nutter with Wycliffe Bible Translators. He's going to share with us about his ministry and what the Lord is doing in his life (and his wife, Jessica).

Our next study (next Wednesday, August 7)

Read Mark 11. Look specifically at verses 1 through 11 that describe Jesus coming to Jerusalem as King. Of what Old Testament passage is this event a fulfillment?