

INTRODUCTION

- * Jesus has been challenging His disciples, and the multitude, to change the way they think regarding various issues.
- * Jesus has continually boiled the struggle down to one specific element that is the distinction between two kingdoms (the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of man). That element is faith.
- * The two encounters that Jesus has in our passage today, illustrate this very struggle.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE ENCOUNTER WITH THE _____ (v. 13-15)****A. The Disciples' Reaction**

1. A CONSIDERATION OF P _____
2. A CONSIDERATION OF P _____

B. The Messiah's Response

1. THE I _____
2. THE I _____

II. THE ENCOUNTER WITH THE _____ (v. 16-30)**A. The E _____ (v. 16-22)****B. The E _____ (v. 23-24)**

1. THE C _____
2. THE R _____
3. THE I _____ (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:26-29)
4. THE A _____ (cf. Matthew 6:19-24)

C. The E _____ (v. 25-30)

1. *WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED?!*
2. *WE HAVE LEFT ALL AND FOLLOWED YOU!*

INTROSPECTION

- * ARE YOU SIMPLY TRUSTING JESUS – WITH CHILDLIKE FAITH? HOW IS THAT REVEALED IN YOUR LIFE?
- * HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS?
- * WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO SACRIFICE TO FOLLOW JESUS?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND THEREFORE ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * Read Romans 3:19-28. How does this passage tie together the two encounters of Jesus in Matthew 19?
- * Read 1 Timothy 6:6-19. How does the description of Jesus Christ (v. 13-16) fit within Paul's teaching regarding the believer's relationship to riches?