

INTRODUCTION

- * Jesus has been sharing “Kingdom thinking” with His disciples and the multitude that surrounded Him.
- * Last week, we saw Jesus share the need for simple trust (faith) in order to enter the Kingdom of God.
- * Today’s passage is actually a continuation of Jesus’ discourse with the “young rich man.” At the end of that discourse, Peter had asked a question regarding rewards, to which Jesus gave a summary answer “everyone who has left ... will be rewarded.”
- * The parable that Jesus shares in the first portion of today’s passage is a word picture to provide additional information to His response to Peter. Though we will be rewarded, we MUST remember who we are ... and who God is!
- * The second part of this passage highlights the importance of listening to Jesus’ parable and applying it to our lives!

INSTRUCTION**I. RE: SE _____ (v. 1-16)****A. The P _____**

1. THE SERVANTS
2. THE PAYMENT
3. THE OBJECTION
4. THE CONCLUSION

B. The P _____

1. UNDERSTANDING WHO WE ARE (cf. Luke 17:7-10)
2. UNDERSTANDING WHO GOD IS
 - a. His O _____
 - b. His G _____

II. RE: S _____ (v. 17-28)**A. The Re _____ of the Mother (v. 20-23)**

1. THE I _____ OF THE REQUEST
2. THE I _____ OF THE REQUEST

B. The Re _____ of the Disciples (v. 24)**C. The Re _____ of the Messiah (v. 25-28)**

1. THE S _____ MIND - M _____ LEADERSHIP
2. THE K _____ MIND - S _____ LEADERSHIP (cf. Phil 2:5-8; Col 3:1-2; 1 Peter 5:1-4)

INTROSPECTION

- * ARE YOU SERVING IN THE KINGDOM? ARE YOU LABORING IN THE FIELDS OR IDLING IN THE MARKET?
- * DO YOU HAVE A PROPER UNDERSTANDING OF WHO YOU ARE IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD?
- * HOW DO YOU TREAT OTHERS? DO YOU TEND TO “LORD” IT OVER OTHERS ... OR SERVE?
- * 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 2 Timothy 4:7-8; 1 Corinthians 9:25; James 1:12. How do these passages relate to Jesus’ teaching on kingdom rewards?
- * Read Philippians 2:19-30 and 1 Peter 5:1-4. How do these passages apply to Jesus’ teaching on servant leadership?