

**This Week's Text:** Mark 10:13-52 – Disciples Need to Value Christ

**Next Week's Text:** Mark 11:1-25 – Disciples Need to Bear Good Fruit

- I. More Than Possessions (13-31)**
  - a. Example 1: The Insignificant Infants**
    - i. They Were Rejected by the Apostles
    - ii. They Were Blessed by Jesus
  - b. Example 2: The Rich Religious Ruler**
    - i. He Was Accepted by the Apostles
    - ii. He Was Loved by Jesus
  - c. The Examples Applied**
    - i. Loving Our Possessions Prevents Life
    - ii. Letting Go of Our Possessions Produces Life
- II. More Than Positions (35-52)**
  - a. Example 1: Bartimaeus the Blind Beggar**
    - i. He Begged Humbly
    - ii. He Begged Faithfully
    - iii. He Begged Publicly
    - iv. His Begging Was Rewarded
  - b. Example 2: James, John, and the Jealous Disciples**
    - i. They Demanded Pridefully
    - ii. They Demanded Foolishly
    - iii. They Demanded Secretly
    - iv. Their Demand Was Rejected
  - c. The Examples Applied**
    - i. Worldly Leadership is Selfish
    - ii. Gospel Leadership is Service

**Corporate Reading Guide:**

As you read Mark 9-13 this week, look for interesting connections between narrative sections. Remember, Mark organized his Gospel thematically, and chose to put different events together to make a point. How does reading different paragraphs in light of those surrounding it impact your study? (For example, the infants and the ruler are contrasted because their narratives are connected.)

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What impacted you and/or what did you learn from this week's sermon?
2. Did you have any questions on these verses or topics that were not covered on Sunday?
3. Read Mark 10:13-16. How does Christ's love toward those with nothing give us hope and encouragement as His followers?
4. Read Mark 10:17-31. What possessions are you most tempted to value above Christ? (For example: physical things like money or more conceptual things like free time).
  - How has Christ promised you something worth more than 100 times that in the church?
5. Read Mark 10:35-52. What aspect of your position is Jesus calling you to be willing to give up for His sake and the sake of the Gospel? In other words – how can you practically live as "last" this week?
6. Read Mark 10:45 and 32-34. How does Christ walking ahead of us, and taking us to Himself as we go, give us in our calling to serve one another?