

Bible Study, Matthew, Week 8

Day: 1

Read: Matthew 19: 30-20: 16

1. I think for most of us this parable is very difficult to understand. It is a continuation of the theme of the previous reading.
2. What do you think it is that Jesus is trying to tell us here?
3. Do you think it tells us anything about grace?
4. Do you feel that it implies that a person may just as well live as he pleases and then at the end of his life accept God's grace, make things right and still get the same as the person that lived a Godly life all his life?
5. How do we make this out for ourselves?
6. Do you think that if we are really saved and really grateful for being saved, such a thought would even enter our minds?
7. What do you think you are personally supposed to take from today's study?
8. On the other hand, does it tell us never to give up on a person because there is always hope?

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Day: 2

Read: Matthew 20: 17-19

1. Here Jesus is announcing His death and resurrection for the third time. In spite of this the disciples still did not understand it and kept quarreling about whose is the most important. (20: 20-28)
2. Do you think we are also sometimes so wrapped up into our own things that we do not "hear" what the Holy Spirits it telling us?
3. What is the difference between the first and the third announcement of His death?
4. What has the effect of the death and resurrection of Jesus been on your life?

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Day: 3

Read: Matthew 20: 20-28

1. Parents want their children to be successful, but they do not always know what God's will for their children is.
2. Do you think that parents can sometimes come in the way of what God wants their children to do?
3. How can we prevent ourselves from doing it?
4. Do you think the mother of the Zebedee brother understood what Jesus has been teaching them about God's kingdom and true service and humility?
5. Do you think the disciples understood that following Christ means perseverance in difficult times, even prosecution?

6. Jesus gave a new meaning to leadership, for Him it is serving people, not ruling and misusing them.
7. A true leader has the heart of a servant.

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Day: 4

Read: Matthew 20: 29-34

1. What is your biggest need today?
2. Did you go to Jesus with it just like these two blind men did?
3. The blind men called Him Son Of David because they knew the Messiah will come from David.
4. Why do you think they “saw” more than all the religious leaders?
5. Does our “education” also prevent us from seeing the gospel clearly?
6. In spite of what lay ahead of Him, Jesus still stopped and helped them. Do you think it shows us something about loving our neighbor?

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Day: 5

Read: Matthew 21: 1-11

1. Here Matthew is referring to Zechariah 9: 9.
2. What is the significance of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a colt and not a “War Horse?”
3. This is one of the few cases in the gospels where Jesus’ Kingdom on earth is confessed.
4. Jesus made it clear by His actions and the masses cheered Him.
5. Is it not wonderful that we see this so short before His crucifixion?

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Day: 6

Read: Matthew 21: 12-17

1. We all know that cheating people with money is very common these days. Corruption seems to be the order of the day!
2. This is the basis of Jesus’ actions here. The dealers and the loan sharks were exploiting the people who came from far to pray and offer. They made it difficult for these people and in the process they were hampering the people who had a need to worship. So, they were coming in the way of true worship by the people.
3. Do you think today’s materialism can also hamper and stop people from truly worshipping God in a meaningful way?
4. Do you think that even the church sometimes fall into this trap with their efforts to get money? Even when the money is for a very good cause?

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Day: 7

Read: Matthew 21: 18-27

1. What do you think the reason is why Jesus took this symbolic action?
2. Do you think He may have meant that His people's religion was like the tree? It looked good and healthy from a distance, but no fruit when you take a closer look?
3. Do you think it takes real faith to bear real fruit?
4. Do you think Jesus' words mean we can ask whatever we want and we will receive it if we really believe?
5. What if what we want is not right for us, or for other people, or not in God's will?
6. Do you think that if we really believe, we will pray according to God's will and then all our prayers will be answered?
7. But, what when we pray for our family and their safety and something still happens to them?
8. Do you think there will always be things we cannot understand that we have to accept in faith, believing that we cannot understand everything here on earth, accepting that God knows best?

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