



### **Message Study Guide**

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

#### **Warming up**

1. Which season do you prefer spring, summer, winter, or fall? Why?

#### **Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read Mark 10:13-16.
  - a. What can a baby or small child do on his/her own?
  - b. What does it mean to receive the Kingdom of God like a child?
  - c. What does your faith look like compared to the faith of a child?
3. Read Mark 10:17-22.
  - a. What's wrong with the rich man's question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"
4. In this story we learn that Jesus is the one and only thing we need. How does this truth challenge you?
  - a. Are there areas of your life where you struggle to surrender control?
5. Read Mark 10:23-31. Is being wealthy bad or a sin?
  - a. Why does Jesus say it is difficult for a person with wealth to enter into God's Kingdom?



6. What are the rewards of following Jesus?
  - a. Is it selfish to want the rewards Jesus promises?
  
7. How is it possible to have a hundred times what we give up, like houses, brothers, sisters, and mothers?
  
8. If we're going to "deny ourselves," "take up our cross," and "lose our lives" (Mk. 8:34-35), why is it important to understand the treasure we have in Jesus?

### **Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.  
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- "What is it that you hold to so tightly that you will never know the wealth that Jesus has for you?" - Dr. Daniel Hill
- What is it in your life that you tell God, "I got this"
  - Your wealth
  - Your health
  - Your career
  - Your retirement/future
  - Your family
  - Your opinions
- Jesus wants to know what you are willing to give up to serve him and experience true rewards in him.
- "Riches present a difficulty because they tend to make us satisfied with this life instead of longing for the age to come." - David Guzik
- Talk about the camel going through the eye of a needle
- You can't enter the kingdom of God if you think you're the king.
- "God takes nothing away from a man without restoring it to him in a new and glorious form." - William Lane
- There is community in the Church - you may have to leave the world (friends and family) but what you will gain in the body of Christ, is many friends and family (brothers, sisters, mothers, etc.)