

ENCOUNTERING THE TREASURE

MATTHEW 19:16-22

- Valuing Jesus comes from recognizing that eternal life never comes from our good deeds.

19:16

- Valuing Jesus comes from understanding our sin and God's holiness.

19:17-19

- Valuing Jesus means joyfully making Him the supreme treasure of our lives.

19:20-22

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What are some ways that you see how others value Jesus?
2. What are some ways that you see others who may say that value Jesus, but their actions show they do not?
3. How are we tempted to approach God on the basis of good deeds?
4. How has the Old Testament and God's Law shown you a fuller picture of who God is? What would we miss without looking at God's Law?
5. What are some things in your life that you've surrendered to Jesus?
6. Read Matthew 19:13-14. Why do you think the each gospel writers include this mention of children coming to Jesus just before the story of the rich young ruler? How is this instructive to us?
7. How is this story the reverse of Matthew 13:44? What is the importance of joy in Matthew 13 versus sorrow in the story of the rich young ruler?
8. What does Jesus promise to the man in verse 21? How is this an encouragement to us (see Matt 6:19-21)?
9. This week, what does it look like for you to value Jesus?

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle