

Sermon Questions

The Radical Reversals of God's Kingdom

Mark 10:13-16

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1. In our first principle, Pastor Andrew demonstrated how Jesus radically reverses anger. Jesus grew angry not when He was personally wronged but instead when the vulnerable, helpless, and the powerless were mistreated.
 - Do you think that we live in a culture that is prone towards anger? Why or why not?
 - What is the difference between “righteous anger” and sinful anger?
 - What are the types of things that cause you to respond in anger?
2. In our third principle, we examined the Kingdom reversal of “greatness” and “status.” Read Mark 9:33-37.
 - How does our culture often measure greatness and status? What types of people would our culture look up to as being “great”?
 - According to Jesus, what does true greatness look like in His Kingdom? (Hint: Read John 13)
 - Which perspective of greatness and status do you find yourself aligning with: the culture's or Jesus'?
3. Read Mark 10:15. In our fourth principle, we saw how Jesus reversed the cultural expectation of who would enter the Kingdom of God.
 - Jesus says that we must receive the Kingdom “like a child.” What aspects of a child's character do you think Jesus is referring to?
 - What are some ways that adults tend to complicate faith, making it more about achievement rather than receiving a gift?
 - Why are many adults resistant to the idea of salvation being received through faith instead of merited through personal effort, morality, and performance?
4. Application questions:
 - In what ways is your perspective on God's Kingdom being challenged by this passage?
 - How might God be calling you to welcome others (regardless of cultural status or importance) in a way that reflects the heart of Jesus?
 - What specific steps can you take this week to live by the upside-down values of the Kingdom of God?

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Big Idea: The Radical Reversals of the Right Side Up Kingdom

I. The Reversal of Anger (v. 14)

II. The Reversal of Access (v. 14)

III. The Reversal of Status

IV. The Reversal of Entrance (v. 15)

Next week's text: Mark 11:1-11 with Luke 19:39-42a