

Lesson 15: Kingdom Priorities verses Worldly Priorities

*“But whoever would be great among you must be your servant and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom **for** many.” Matthew 20:26-28*

Person	Question/ Concern	Reveals their priorities	Jesus's response	Kingdom Priorities
Pharisees (19v.1-9)	Is it lawful to divorce one's wife?	Pride and Power	Have you not read . . .What God joins together let no man separate.	God's word, God's commands and authority
Children (19 v. 13-14)	Receive blessing and love	Humility, trust, dependence	Lays hands on them and blesses them; rebukes disciples	God is generous and loves Children in their weakness
Rich Man (19 v. 16-22)	What good deed must I do to have eternal life?	Self- reliance Status Entitlement	There is only one who is good.	God's goodness God's commands
Rich Man (19 V. 20-26)	All of these I have kept, what then do I lack?	Wealth and status in this world	Give away all your possessions to the poor and follow me	The true treasure is found in giving out of following Jesus
Peter (19v. 27-30)	We have left everything to follow you. What then will we have?	Ambition, status in heaven. Reward. Entitlement	And everyone who has left houses or family for my name' sake will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.	God sees all your following and obedience. .
Laborers (20 v. 1-16)	These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal	Entitlement, merit, status	Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?	God is abundantly generous as He chooses
Salome, James and John (20 V. 20-28)	Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left	Status, ambition	Are you able to drink this cup? Whoever would be great among you must be your servant	God the Father is the one who grants greatness. Greatness is determined by obedience, service.
The Crowd (20 v. 31)	Shoo away children and rebuke Blind Men	Status	Stops, listens, touches and heals. Let the little children come to me.	God cares about the least of these intimately. Desires to bless them.
The Blind Men (20 v. 29-34)	Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David. Let our eyes be opened	humility, dependence, acknowledgement of Jesus's authority and power. Follows Him.	What do you want me to do for you? Jesus in pity touched their eyes	God is full of compassion for the least of these. Willing to heal those who ask.