



JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark PART 37 - 10:13-22

Blocking or Bringing

READ: Mark 10:13–14 AND:Matthew 18:1–5

QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why do you think the disciples rebuked the parents bringing children to Jesus? What assumptions were they making about importance, readiness, or value?
- 2) Pastor G said, "We too are capable of blocking people from Jesus while thinking we're helping Him." Where do you see that temptation in churches or even in your own heart?
- 3) What does Jesus' indignation reveal about how seriously He takes access to Himself?
- 4) Who in your life might be trying to come to Jesus simply for His presence, not answers or solutions? How can you help instead of hinder?

Receiving the Kingdom

READ: Mark 10:15–16 AND Ephesians 2:8–9

QUESTIONS:

- 1) What does it mean to receive the kingdom rather than earn it? Why is that distinction so important?
- 2) Pastor G said, "The kingdom of God is not entered by credentials, mastery, track records, or spiritual résumés. It is entered only by open hands." What makes open-handed faith difficult for adults?
- 3) How do Jesus' actions toward the children challenge performance-based faith or spiritual comparison?
- 4) Where do you personally feel pressure to prove yourself spiritually rather than simply receive grace?

Sincerity Is Not Surrender

READ: Mark 10:17–20 AND Philippians 3:4–9

QUESTIONS:

- 1) What stands out to you about the rich man's posture, urgency, and sincerity when he approaches Jesus?
- 2) Pastor G said, "Sincerity alone cannot replace trust, and effort cannot substitute for reception." How does that challenge common ways we think about faith?
- 3) Why do you think Jesus begins by affirming commandments rather than immediately addressing the man's wealth?
- 4) In what ways can moral obedience quietly become a substitute for dependence on Jesus?

The One Thing

READ: Mark 10:21–22 AND Luke 12:15, Hebrews 12:1

QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why is it significant that Mark tells us Jesus loved the man before naming what he lacked?
- 2) Pastor G said, "It's not about possession, it's about allegiance." How does that reframe the issue of wealth or any other attachment?
- 3) Why do you think Jesus does not chase the man down or soften the invitation when he walks away?
- 4) What might "the one thing" be in your own life that makes following Jesus feel costly? What would it look like to open your hands this week?