

## **Pastor Roy's Sermon on Matthew 19**

### **(December 17, 2025)**

***—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—***

1. Jesus emphasizes that marriage is permanent and sacred, established by God from the beginning. How does viewing marriage as God's design rather than a human contract change the way we approach commitment and conflict in relationships?
2. The Pharisees asked about divorce 'for any cause,' yet Jesus pointed them back to God's original intent. In what areas of our lives do we seek loopholes in God's commands rather than embracing His heart behind them?
3. Jesus said that some have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom, choosing celibacy to serve God more fully. How do we discern when God calls us to sacrifice legitimate desires for the advancement of His kingdom?
4. The disciples initially rebuked those bringing children to Jesus, yet He welcomed them and said the kingdom belongs to such as these. What does it reveal about God's kingdom that children hold such importance, and how should this shape our ministry priorities?
5. The rich young ruler kept all the commandments yet lacked one thing: the willingness to surrender his possessions. What modern-day 'possessions' or securities might be preventing us from fully following Jesus?
6. Jesus told the rich young ruler that with man salvation is impossible, but with God all things are possible. How does this truth free us from trying to earn our salvation through good works or righteous living?
7. Peter asked what reward the disciples would receive for leaving everything to follow Jesus. How do we balance serving God with pure motives while also trusting that He will provide for and reward our faithfulness?
8. Jesus stated it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter heaven. Why does wealth pose such a spiritual danger, and how can those with resources guard their hearts against trusting in riches?
9. The sermon mentions that many marriages today are not established in the Lord but through secular means. What does it mean practically to have a marriage joined together by God, and how does this differ from a merely legal union?
10. Jesus concludes by saying many who are first will be last, and the last first. How does this promise of divine justice affect the way we view earthly inequalities, success, and our own pursuit of recognition or status?