

Jesus Teaches the Way to Eternal Life
Matthew 19:16-30
Key Verse: 19:21

1. What had Jesus just taught about the kingdom of heaven? (19:14) Read verses 16-17. What does it mean that the man addressed Jesus as "teacher?" What question did he ask? Why did he ask Jesus about what is good? According to Jesus, who alone is good?
2. Why did he ask about eternal life? What reveals his lack of understanding of God and God's grace? According to Jesus, what must he do to enter life? What does it mean to "get eternal life" or to enter "life?"
3. Read verses 18-19. In response to the man's question, "Which ones?" which of the commandments did Jesus mention? Which ones did he omit? Why? What new commandment did Jesus add? How does this commandment fulfill the others?
4. Read verses 20-22. What did this young man think about himself? Do you think he had kept the commandments? Why or why not? What was his next question (20)? What was Jesus answer and invitation? Why did the man go away sadly? How does he illustrate the truth Jesus taught in 19:23?
5. Read verses 23-26. How hard is it to enter the kingdom of heaven? (24) What was the disciples' astonished response and their question? (25) How can anyone be saved? (26)
6. Read verses 27-30. What was Peter thinking when he compared himself with this rich young man? What promises did Jesus give him and us? What does verse 30 mean to the disciples and to us? How can we inherit eternal life?