

**Next Steps:** Matthew covers a lot of ground in chapter 19. Spend some time this next week pouring over this chapter... Sit with the words of Jesus. Pray for understanding. Pray for strength to follow through on what the Spirit of God is asking you to do.

Read Matthew 19:1-12. How faithful are you to the most important commitments you have made in your life? Look at these other texts for further clarification to help you prioritize your commitments.

Luke 10:25-37

Matthew 6:33

1 Corinthians 7:1-40

Read Matthew 19:13-15. How have you been using your time? Are you willing to sacrifice your time for the sake of those that are most vulnerable in our world?

What does Matthew 18:1-10 say about children?

How does James 1:27 describe pure & faultless religion?

Read Matthew 19:16-26. This is a difficult teaching for most of us in North America because, compared to two thirds of the rest of the world, we are considered quite wealthy.

Read James 2:14-26. What does this passage teach you about making sacrifices for the good of those in need?

Read Matthew 19:27-30. Is all of this sacrifice worth it? What promises does Jesus make to the disciples?

Matthew 6:19-21 helps us understand the relationship between our treasures and our hearts. Rewrite these verses in your own words. What do you need to do for your heart to be in the right place?

**Next Week:** We will be sharing at the communion table and taking a closer look at Matthew 20 as Jesus gives more instructions concerning the Kingdom of Heaven.