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Study Questions
The Good News About Jesus According to Mark
A Complete Change in Thinking
Mark 10:13-31
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Opening Discussion

1. Does our culture truly value children? Why or why not?
2. What defines success in our culture?

Does that definition of success bleed over into our Christian walk? In what ways?

3. To be a true follower of Jesus, can we merely “Christianize” the values of this world or must we experience a complete change in our thinking? How so?

Bible Study

1. Read Mark 10:13-16. Why do you think the disciples rebuked those who were bringing their children to Jesus? In what way does this expose their value system?

In what ways can we, as the church, be guilty of similar behavior flowing from warped value system?

2. Jesus said we must “receive the kingdom of God like a child.” What did He mean by that?
3. Read Mark 10:17-27. The rich young ruler’s understanding of “good” affected his view of how to inherit eternal life. In other words, his methodology flowed out of his definition of good. He believed his methodology was correct; he simply wanted to know what more he had to do. In what ways is this same belief evident in the lives of religious people today?
4. Why did Jesus respond to the man the way He did? What was He trying to get the man to realize about himself?
5. Jesus’ statement about the wealthy was so radical that the disciples were “amazed” at His words. Why?

What is the danger of achieving “success” in this world? Is it possible to be a “success” in this world and still be a true follower of Jesus? Why or why not?

6. Jesus identifies the core issue in Mark 10:27. What is the contrast between a child and the rich young ruler?

How is the attitude of a child in conflict with the culture's definition of success?

7. What did Jesus mean by His summary statement in Mark 10:31?

Application

1. Describe in one sentence the change of thinking that is necessary to be a true follower of Jesus.
2. List three specific things you can do to maintain right thinking day by day.
3. What can your LifeGroup do to encourage one another to think rightly and to correct one another when thinking drifts back to the value system of this world?