

“Closer Walk” Bible Study

Mining Matthew Chapter 19

Purpose: To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

1. What was Mom’s advice to you about marriage? What was Dad’s?
2. If your house were on fire, what three items would you try to save?
3. What is your ideal annual income?

Getting us into Scripture

4. What would the Pharisees gain if Jesus opposed Moses?
5. Why doesn’t Jesus debate divorce? Why does he focus on marriage instead? How is he reversing the trap?
6. What was Moses’ intention in allowing divorce?
7. Does “what God has joined together” apply to non-believers? How might his answer be different if a divorce truly seeking God had asked the question?
8. How do the disciples see marriage? Why?
9. Why would parents bring their children to Jesus? Why did the disciples discourage this? What is Jesus’ view of children and the kingdom?
10. What appears to be this young man’s view on how one obtains eternal life?
11. Is there a difference between the young man’s concern (“eternal life”) and Jesus’ concern (“life”)?
12. Of the Ten Commandments recorded by Moses (see Exodus 20), what is the general subject of the first four? Of the last six? Which one did Jesus omit? Why? Which commandment did Jesus add here which was not part of the original ten?
13. Had the man truly loved his neighbor? How do you know?
14. Why is it so difficult for the rich to enter the kingdom? On what basis is it possible for anyone, rich or poor, to enter (vv. 26-30)?
15. In this passage, how are these four concepts connected: *salvation, discipleship, entering the kingdom of heaven and inheriting eternal life*?

Getting Scripture into us

16. How can you have the marriage God desires?
17. When divorce occurs, what hope does Jesus offer?
18. Jesus hit this man where it hurt – in his wallet. If Jesus were to address you where it hurts, what would be his hot topic? Why is Jesus so tough on riches?
19. What have you given up to follow Jesus? How is your life different as a result?