

Creekside Community Church
"The Return of the King" The Gospel of Matthew
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Two Deadly Myths
(Matthew 19:16-30)

A. Believing I Can When I Cannot (19:16-26)

B. Believing I Cannot When I Can (19:27-30)

For further thought and discussion:

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. What myths or misconceptions have crippled you? How? How did you realize that what you believed wasn't true?

Going Deeper

3. Please read Matthew 19:16-20. Notice that this young man asks Jesus three questions. What does each question reveal to you about this man? Can you see yourself in any way in him? How?
4. Please read Matthew 19:21-22. If someone asked you how they can attain eternal life, how would you answer? Why do you think Jesus tells this man to do something He never asked anyone else to do in order to enter heaven? This man was confident that he had kept God's law. (vs. 20) What does his response to Jesus' command reveal about him? How is Jesus using the law of God to bring this man to Himself?
5. Please read Matthew 19:23-26. How hard is it for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven? Why are Jesus' disciples astonished when they hear this? What do you think they were thinking privately? How is vs. 26 a great summary of the gospel?
6. What myth did this man believe that kept him out of heaven? Why is this myth so deadly? How can we tell if we have believed this myth?
7. Please read Matthew 19:27-30. Why were the disciples able to obey Jesus when the young man was not? Were they saved because they obeyed and left everything *or* did they obey and leave everything because they were saved? (Note vs. 26) What rewards have you discovered in following Jesus?
8. How does believing the myth that I can when I cannot cripple our relationship with God? How does believing that I cannot when I can cripple our relationship with God? Which myth are you more prone to believe?

Application: What is one lesson you've learned from this passage and how will you apply it to your life?