



Journey through the Gospel of Mark: Vision for a Different Kingdom

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Scripture: Mark 10, Matthew 6:33, John 8:12

Sermon Overview: As Jesus went about His ministry, He was surrounded by people whose eyes were on their own kingdoms; they were trying to get something from Jesus to fulfill selfish pursuits. In Mark 10, we notice Jesus' emphasis on responding to those who approached Him with faith. These people were asking for that which He had come to give – a vision for a different kingdom, His Kingdom.

Sermon Series Question:

1. Jesus asks us, "What do you want me to do for you?" Is your response to that question from the perspective of building your kingdom or His Kingdom?

Sermon-Specific Questions:

1. Read Matthew 6:33. We are looking for answers, but Jesus is looking for action. *Following* Jesus requires action. *Putting* His Kingdom first requires action. Consider how you might be pursuing your kingdom instead of Jesus' Kingdom. What are some practical steps you could take to follow Jesus and put God's Kingdom first?
2. Read Mark 10:42-45. We ask Jesus for His hand, but Jesus is concerned about our hearts. In what area do you desire to be great? What have you asked of Jesus in this area? Keeping in mind verses 42-45, how can you be the servant of all in that area?
3. Read Mark 10:29-30. We are making selfish petitions, but Jesus desires sacrificial pursuit. Spend a moment in silence with the Lord. What have you already laid down to follow Him? Rejoice in how far you've come. Now, what else might God be asking you to lay down now? What does He promise in return? Why is it hard to let it go?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read Mark 10:46-52 and Joshua 6:5, 20. What parallels do you see in these passages? Look back over the first ten chapters of Mark. How often do you see Jesus respond to faith? How do you know that the person was responding with faith? In Joshua 6:20, what was the action that displayed the people's faith? What was the action that displayed

Bartimaeus' faith? What walls fell down for Bartimaeus? What walls do you need to come down? How can you unashamedly show your faith in action?

2. Reread Mark 10. What stands out to you? Meditate on that verse this week.
3. This week, when you feel frustrated or overwhelmed, stop and consider: *What has been consuming my thinking? What is weighing heavily on my heart?* Pray and envision God taking the heavy things and holding them for you. Envision Him giving you peace and ask Him for His vision for your life.

Prayer: *Lord, would you give me your vision for my life? Help me to see where and how I can participate in Your vision. I ask You for grace, courage, and strength to lay down those things that have become barriers to You and Your way. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.*

Practical Application:

- NCC Kids invites you to participate in the **School Supply Drive** by donating school supplies at our DC or Nova campus on August 13 to help families who would not otherwise be able to afford them. See the list of needed items - [click here](#).
- **New to NCC?** Whether you are new to the DC campus, Nova campus, or online in the past year, we'd love to get to know you better and answer any questions you may have. Join Pastor Mark and some of the pastoral team, Sunday, August 27, 4-6:30pm at the Capital Turnaround campus. [Register here](#). Child care is available.
- **Worship with NCC Worship at Nats Park!** Saturday, September 2, 4:05pm. To purchase tickets and get more info, [click here](#).
- Make a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- House of Prayer is on summer hiatus. The fall season of [House of Prayer](#) begins, Thursday, September 7, 7:14pm