



1. Reconsider _____ (vv.18-19)

Luke 18:18 And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

19 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. **20** You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " **21** And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth." **22** When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." **23** But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.

24 Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!

25 For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

26 Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" **27** But he said, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

28 And Peter said, "See, we have left our homes and followed you."

29 And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, **30** who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life." (ESV)

2. Rethink _____ (vv.20-21)

3. Recognize _____ (vv.22-30)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Job 25:1-6**. Though Bildad may have been a "miserable comforter" (Job 16:2), his words certainly capture the concept of the unmatched and transcendent holiness of God (cf. Isaiah 6:1-7). Why do most people today rarely reach this conclusion about the way mortals measure up to their Creator?
2. Read **Isaiah 66:1-2**. Though God is incomparable in power and perfection, what do we learn about him from his interest in us? What are some of the characteristics of the person who matches the description in v.2b?
3. Read **Psalms 19:7-14**. How do God's commands teach us about the perfection and holiness of God?
4. Read **Psalms 51:1-5**. What is the difference between admitting "I am a sinner" and understanding the gravity of sin the way the psalmist does in this passage?
5. Read **Matthew 5:21-28**. How does a proper understanding of our sin as exposed by a thoughtful reading of God's laws lead us not only to real repentance and faith, but also to valuing and cherishing our salvation?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

October 8th

Is. 39-40 & Phil. 4

October 9th

Is. 41-42 & Col. 1

October 10th

Is. 43-44 & Col. 2

October 11th

Is. 45-47 & Col. 3

October 12th

Is. 48-49 & Col. 4

October 13th

Is. 50-52 & 1Th. 1

October 14th

Is. 53-55 & 1Th. 2

October 15th

Is. 56-58 & 1Th. 3

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 08-13 – **Getting Honest About Myself**

Msg. 09-06 – **The Goal of Scripture's Many Rules**

Msg. 15-13 – **The Importance of Costly Cultivation**

Msg. 10-07 – **Thinking Rightly About Holiness & Sin**

Msg. 13-10 – **Transformed: When God Gets a Hold of Your Life**

Msg. 06-21 – **Watching Out for the Pacifying Benefits of Dating Christ**

Msg. 09-24 – **Faith, Stress & Money: Rethinking Biblical Faith in a Down Economy**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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