

*Receive the free gift of eternal life through dependent-faith in Jesus, who paid the tab,
and follow him in serving others for their good.*

Overview

This week Pastor Lenard led us through Mark 10:13-52. This passage contains well known stories from Jesus' ministry along with his foretelling of his death and resurrection. Together these stories of the children coming to Jesus, the rich young ruler, the requests of John and James, and the healing Bartimaeus show us the Gospel and God's Kingdom in context. We learned that we enter God's grace through receiving; not doing. We learned that we can allow anything and everything in our life to take first place before God. We learned that we need to lean in and trust the good news of God's promises. The more we understand the truth of God's grace and our need for reconciliation the more we can receive and rest in his work. The more we understand these truths, the more we can obediently follow him in serving others.

Outline

- Understand the model (v13-16)
- Recognize your need (v17-27)
- Consider Jesus' Promise (v28-31)
- Hear the Gospel (v32-34)
- Serve by Grace (v35-45); Acts 14:2-25, Isaiah 53:11
- Receive the gift (v46-52)

Discussion Questions

1. Children can receive gifts easily. Can you share a time when you would not receive a gift from someone? And why wouldn't you receive the gift?
 - a. Pastor Lenard reminded us that salvation is not a partnership. Why is it a struggle for some of us to receive God's gift? Why do we want to try to do the impossible?
2. God's law, something impossible for us to follow, was described as a mirror to show us our need. What is the role of the law for us once we have come to faith? How can we guard against relying on self for our justification and growth in maturity?
3. How should the promises in verse 29 change how we live out our faith?
 - a. What did you (or do you) need to give up for your walk with Christ?
4. The disciples rebuked the crowds concerning the children coming to Jesus and later "others" rebuked Bartimaeus for trying to come to Jesus. What was the motivation for keeping people from Jesus? How do you suffer from these wrong motivations?
5. As Christians (those that claim Jesus' family name) we need to hear the Gospel repeatedly to remember our need and remember his sufficient grace. What steps can you take have a dependent faith and receive?