

Matthew 19:23-30

²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

²⁷ Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?"

²⁸ Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first."

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9. Jesus continues, in chapter 20, by telling a parable, that says the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who hires men to work in His vineyard.

The emphasis of the parable isn't so much on what we do in the vineyard, as workers, but on how it doesn't matter whether you came early or late, we are all treated equally. And how our motivation should be to work for the master, not on what our reward is. With this in mind:

a. What is the vineyard of the Lord?

b. As workers in the vineyard of the Lord, what do you think your role is?

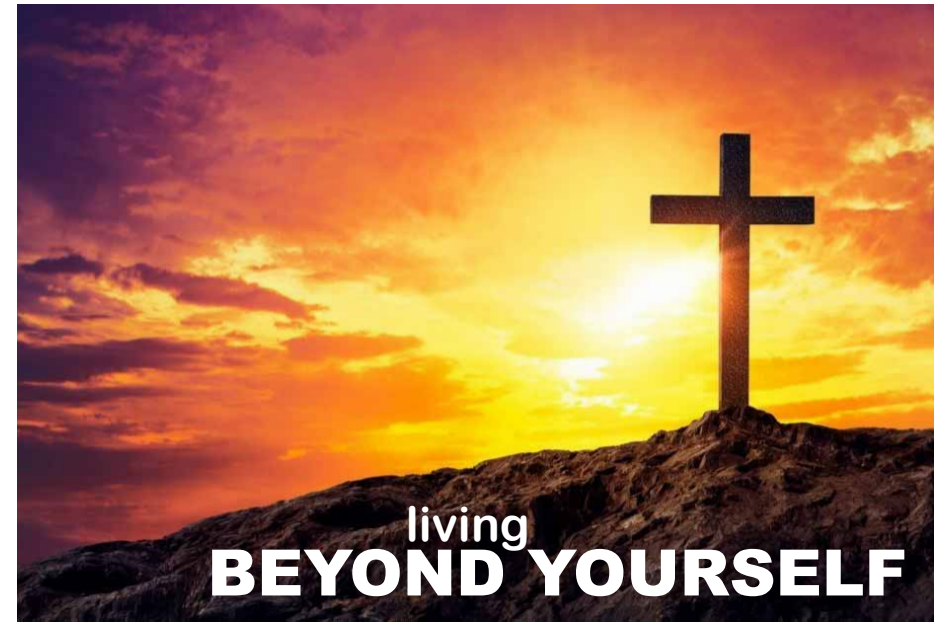
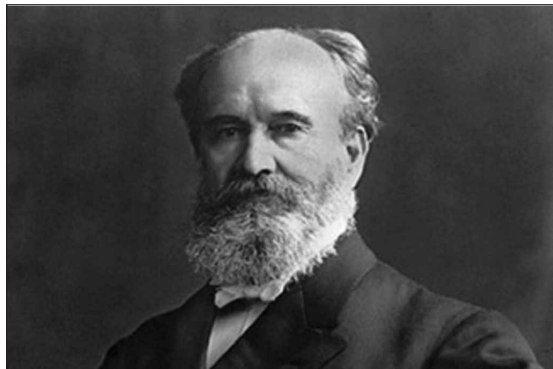
10. The 2022 Challenge is to 'Live Beyond Yourself.' How can you bring your current life into line with also being a worker in the Vineyard of the Lord?

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A hundred thousand souls a day
Are passing one by one away
In Christless guilt and gloom;
Without one ray of hope or light,
With future dark as endless night,
They're passing to their doom.



"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind"

Romans 12:2

2022 Challenge: Living Beyond Yourself - part 2

BE _____ (Matthew 19:23-26)

Rich young ruler:

Why is it hard for a rich man to enter heaven?

It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle:

v.26 With man this is impossible, but with God _____

BE _____ (Matthew 19:27)

v.27 Peter's question:

Romans 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be

What is the pattern of this world?

Where does transformation begin?

BE _____ (Matthew 19:28-30)

What does Jesus mean by this statement?

How can I make myself available as worker in the Lord's vineyard:

1. This weeks, and last weeks, sermons have been a challenge for 2022, to, "live beyond yourself." What does that mean to you?

2. Read Matthew 19:16-22. What was missing in this rich young man's life?

3. Read Matthew 19:23-26. Why is it hard for a rich person to enter heaven?

What do you think Jesus meant by giving the metaphor of a camel going through the eye of a needle? How does this apply to each one of us?

4. Having said how hard it is for a rich man to get into heaven, Jesus then says: "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." What is he referring to? Explain.

5. Read Matthew 19:27. What do you think Peter is thinking when he asks this question to Jesus?

6. Read Romans 12:2. Salvation should bring transformation. What does transformation look like in a persons life? From this verse, how does transformation happen?

What does it mean to, 'not conform to the pattern of this world' and what is the pattern of this world?

7. Peter, and the rest of us, need to start to think differently about what life is all about. Read Matthew 19:28-30. What is Jesus talking about when he says, "at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne?"

8. Peter is talking in terms of this present age, Jesus is talking about the age to come. How do we start to focus on eternal matters rather than temporal things? If our focus is on eternal things, how will this affect the way we live?

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