

## **Bridge Group Discussion Questions - Matthew 19:13-30 - Approaching God**

We all come to approach God with our own idea of who He is or what we want Him to do for us. Some come as wide eyed children excited to meet God. Some come as reluctant questioners. Many of us are somewhere in-between. When you approach God what are your expectations of Him?

### **Read Matthew 19:13-15 - Faith Like A Child**

Why were the children being brought to Jesus?

What are some possible reasons the the disciples rebuked the people?

What was Jesus' response?

Who does the Kingdom of heaven belong to? How does that apply to us?

### **Read Matthew 19:16-22 - Completely Surrendered**

What was the Rich Young Ruler's (RYR) question?

Jesus gives the RYR a list of dos and do nots. What was the RYR's response?

The RYR's problem was pride, he stood before Jesus and said that he did not struggle with sin. What are the things that keep us from having a relationship with God? What would your response be if Jesus presented you with that list?

Why did Jesus tell the RYR to "go and sell what you possess and give to the poor."

Why did the RYR reject Jesus? Why did Jesus let him go?

### **Read Matthew 19:23-26 - In His Power**

Where does the power of salvation come from?

Jesus is clear that it is impossible for any person to save himself/herself. How has God chosen to save us?

### **Read Matthew 19:27-30 - With Great Expectations**

What are your expectations of trusting God?

What does Jesus promise those who have left everything and followed him?