

## ***Our First Priority***

Matthew 19:16-30

### **Sermon Discussion Questions**

**January 14, 2024**

1. What do you prioritize in your own life (eg, family, sports, money, faith)? Which priorities in your life are out of order?
2. How does this priority speak to the condition of your heart and where it lies?
3. Have you ever found yourself caught up in what God has asked other people to give up for the sake of prioritizing Him? Has this ever caused you to stumble and battle with comparison or battle with fear that he might ask you to do the same?
4. What encouragement do you find in the attention and care Jesus shows in helping this man to see what is being wrongly prioritized in his own life?
5. Why does Jesus ask this man to sell his possessions and give to the poor? Was it because Jesus wanted the man to be poor? Why might God ask you to give up something you really care about for his sake? How does this change your perspective on suffering or sacrifice for God's sake?
6. What sort of blessings have you experienced when you have prioritized God over something else? What does blessing look like for faithful followers of Jesus both now and when he returns?
7. Following the example of Christ in our passage today, how would you communicate this principle to a non-believer? Who might need to hear this message from you this next week?
8. What does giving grace in prioritizing God over other things look like for a new believer vs. someone who has been a Christian for a while?
9. If God is revealing something to you this morning that you are prioritizing over him, how can you put God back in His rightful place in your life? What might that look like this next week? How do/can you measure success in this?