

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Matthew 19:13-30 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) What might Matthew be showing us by contrasting the children coming to Jesus with the rich young ruler?
- 5) In your own words, describe what it means to come to Christ like a child.
- 6) What is the difference between childlike faith and simply being immature in your faith? How can childlike faith exist alongside a diligent and disciplined pursuit of God and His Word?
- 7) In Matthew 19:16–22, was Jesus calling the rich man to earn his salvation by obedience and sacrificial giving? Explain your answer.
- 8) What was Jesus trying to teach the rich young ruler?
- 9) Why is it hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven?
- 10) How can verse 29 be true?
- 11) Why is wealth dangerous?
- 12) Read Matthew 6:19-24 together?
- 13) How are you personally laying up treasures in heaven?
- 14) In what way does this passage challenge you?
- 15) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

^{*} Some of these questions taken from David Platt, *Exalting Jesus in Matthew*, ed. Daniel L. Akin, David Platt, and Tony Merida, Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2013), 274–275.