

The Judgements of God (Part 2)

1 Corinthians 3:6-15

Key Texts:

Matthew 19:16-30; Matthew 20:1-16; 1 Corinthians 3:6-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10;

Discussion Questions

Passage 1

- 1) When you hear the expression in Matthew 19.30 "*But many who are first will be last, and the last first*", what comes first to your mind or what does it make you think of?

This expression can be found in some instances of the Bible, one of which is the story of the "*Rich Young man*" in Matthew 19:16-30. Read the story together.

- 2) If you had to describe the rich young man based on this account, what would you say about him? Do you identify similar traits in yourself in your description that can help you pray for yourself? Share with the group if you feel comfortable with that.
- 3) Discuss Matthew 19.23-29 in the group. What lessons can you draw out of this passage?
- 4) After reading this story, how can you now interpret the words of Jesus in verse 30, in your own words?

Passage 2

The parable of the laborers in the vineyard only appears one of the gospels, in Matthew 20:1-16. Read the parable in the group and discuss how this parable ministers to you on a personal basis.

- 5) In what ways do you feel encouraged after reading it?
- 6) What can you say about God (the master of the house) from this parable?

Passage 3

We see in 1 Corinthians 3:6-15, one direct application of "workers in God's vineyard" in the persons of Paul and Apollos. Comment verses 8 to 10 in the group.

- 7) How can someone build with gold, silver and precious stones as mentioned in verse 12?

8) How can someone build with wood, hay and straw?

9) Based on verses 13-15:

- a. Have you ever heard about the “Judgement seat of Christ” before?
- b. According to this passage, what is being assessed on that day?
- c. Find other passages in the Bible that can support your understanding and encourage you in our walk with God (e.g. 2 Corinthians 5:10)

Prayer Requests: Please pray for one another according to the different takeaways of your study.