

Life Group Study Notes

April 27, 2025

THIS WEEK'S
MESSAGE

Faith Defined

Matthew 19:13-15



Faith in the ancient world was about appeasing the gods, but Jesus turns the idea of faith into something more profound.

Study – Discovering What the Bible Says

1. What is one takeaway or one key idea from last week's study? (Hint: It was on the "Resurrection of Christ").
2. What is your faith story? In other words, why did you become a Christian?
3. Faith has many components to it, and we often think of it in one-dimensional ways. For instance, is there a difference between God's invitation to faith and a life of faith? If so, what is the difference and is the story in Matthew 19 about faith itself, or its invitation?

Read Matthew 19:13-15.

4. What is the larger context in Matthew where this story is found, and why is it important?
5. Secondly, what is the historical and religious context, and why is that important?

6. What is the main conflict in the story?

It is the disciples' _____ against that of _____.

7. What two questions are raised by this conflict?

- a. Who do we _____?
- b. Who do we feel is _____ the _____?

8. What script did Jesus flip?

The kingdom of God is an _____ invitation of _____ and _____ to all who demonstrate _____ faith.

9. Is there anything additional that you would like to add or discuss?

Personal Reflection

1. What do you believe God wants you to do this week as a result of this study?



Coming Next Week

Challenging the Crowd

John 6:58-66

We typically see growth as something good, especially when it's a crowd. But what if the crowd is not healthy and is following for all the wrong reasons?

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**New Series – The Script
(From April 27-June 8)
A 7-Part Series**

Jesus' teachings flipped the script on what was considered social, cultural, and religious norms. Even his lifestyle conflicted with everything society held dear. No one lived more counterculturally than Jesus, but no one ever has shown more care and compassion than Jesus.

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