<u>"Your Kingdom Come"</u> Mark 10:13-34 – Entry into the Kingdom

Eternal life and:

1. Our actions (v.17-20)

'What must I do to inherit eternal life?' (v.17)

'You know the commandments...' (v.19)

'No one is good – except God alone.' (v.18)

2. Our desires (v.21-23)

'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.' (v.21)

At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. (v.22)

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!' (v.23)

3. God's grace (v.24-31)

'Who then can be saved?' (v.26)

Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.' (v.27)

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Fternal life and:

1. Our actions (v.17-20)

Why do you think the man was so keen to tell Jesus the good things he'd done in his life? What had he misunderstood?

Do you tend to create an idol out of activity and achievement? Do you sometimes think that God will love you more if you do more good things? Why is this?

Do you find it hard to just 'be' with God and enjoy Him? Do you tend to fill your time with busyness, even if it's busyness for God?

2. Our desires (v.21-23)

What did Jesus really want to reveal and work on in this man's life? Why was this so important?

Remember last week, Jesus gave the challenge about losing our lives for the gospel in order to save it ('take up your cross' – Mark 8:34-38).

- What have you done this week in response?
- How hard are you finding it to give up the desire for something in this world in order to walk more closely with Christ?

3. God's grace (v.24-31)

Why is humility needed to accept the cross?

Why is it sometimes necessary to allow people to walk away if they won't accept Christ?

In what way do you need to grow in humility before God at the moment?