

**Day 1**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

What do you think the point of the parable of the workers is? What does that tell us about the kingdom of God? How is that upside down from the kingdom of the world?

**Day 2**

**Matthew 20:17-34**

Why did the woman make this request of Jesus on behalf of her sons? Why did this make the other disciples upset? What does this tell us about what the disciples thought it meant for Jesus to be the Messiah and the kind of kingdom he was establishing? How does this challenge you?

**Day 3**

**Matthew 18:1-14**

Jesus says, "Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." How does becoming like a little child help to counter our typical "power over" mentality?

**Day 4**

**1 Peter 1**

What does this passage say about the subversive nature of the kingdom of God? How does this passage encourage you? How does it challenge you?

**Day 5**

**1 Corinthians 1**

What does Paul mean when he says, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." Why would Christ be a "stumbling block" for both the Jews and the Greeks? How is Christ still a stumbling block to various types of people today? What are some things you are tempted to boast in apart from Jesus?

**Day 6**

**James 2**

What does this passage have to say about the nature of the kingdom of God? What does favoritism look like in your world? What does equality and not showing favoritism have to do with the relationship between faith and deeds? How does your own faith reflect this?

**Day 7**

**Matthew 19:16-30**

What drove this man to Jesus? Why was the man unable to let go of his wealth? In encouraging the man to give it all up and come follow him, what was Jesus doing for him? Why is it hard for the rich to enter the kingdom of heaven? What are some of the things in your own life that Jesus is calling you away from? What is keeping you from letting them go?