

Epicenter | Week 4
Surrender
Mark 10:14-31
December 21 & 22, 2019

Big Idea

Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection put an end to striving (aka-completing lists) in order to gain God's favor and be in relationship with Him again. Instead it takes one thing...surrender!

Scripture

Mark 10:14-31

Psalm 139

Discussion Questions

1 – Christmas preparations include many lists & to-do's. In thinking about your *perfect* Christmas share what would be on that list? Now share some memories of your most perfect Christmas & what made it such.

2 – Read Mark 10:17-31. As you look back on your faith journey, can you point at times when you approached your faith as $a + b = c$? In other words were there seasons and/or situations where you felt that if you did "a" and if you did "b" that "c" would be the result? Did it work that way or not? If not, what occurred and what did you perhaps learn about God and faith through that?

3 – What has the Holy Spirit spoken to you through this sermon?

4 – What is something you need to do as a result of that which you heard from the Holy Spirit through this sermon?

5 – How can the church/your small group help you to do what you have been prompted to do by the Holy Spirit through this sermon?

Next Steps

- Revisit questions 3-4 throughout the week in order to ensure you are prayerfully taking the steps you need to be in order to apply what the Holy Spirit has spoken to you.
- Read and reflect upon Psalm 139...a great Psalm of David that points out the logical reasons to surrender to our loving God.

Prayer Focus

- Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for eliminating a "works-based" religion and swapping it with relationship...a relationship you desire to have with me! Help me to understand more fully what surrender to You looks like and give me the power to do it. Amen.