



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

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Take your Pulse

What prayer do you say on a daily basis that you learned as a kid?

When do you find it hardest to talk with God?

Today's Reading

Matthew Chapter 19

The teachings of the kingdom just keep getting tougher. From harsh words about those who lack forgiveness to tough words about those who do not give everything up to be in God's kingdom, these teachings are deep and complex. At the heart of these tough teachings comes a moment of grace, though. "Then who can be saved?" the disciples asked. "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible," Jesus replies. As we examine the lengths Jesus teaches us to go in order to follow, and we consider how hard it is for us to do these things, the grace of God captures us and sends us on a path—not of striving for God's Kingdom but a path of living within the Kingdom God has already brought us into.



Start the Thinking

Jesus doesn't say much about human sexuality yet in verse 12, he references eunuchs. This is a term specifically applied to men who have been altered by surgery to prevent the ability to have children. How do these verses speak to today's conversation about inclusion of LGBTQIA people in our community of faith?



Conversing with God

God of all possibilities, you welcome us in as beloved children, even as we struggle with understanding what it means to live in your kingdom. Let your teachings encourage us, even the complicated lessons, as we strive to grow in faith and understanding. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen



Be blessed

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine brightly upon you that you experience all God's grace. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen