

THE PASTOR'S ESSENTIALS®

OUR LIVES IN THE BIBLE - THE BIBLE IN OUR LIVES

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MATTHEW 7:13-14

es-sen-tials (ĭ-sĕn'shəlz) – *noun* – those things that are necessary and basic to life. In biochemistry essentials are substances that are required for normal functioning but cannot be synthesized by the body and therefore must be included in the diet. Essentials are those things that are fundamental to the spiritual health of the professing Christian.

The Gospel of Mark A BIBLE STUDY

SESSION TEN

Mark 10:13 – 10:52

Questions for Session Ten

1. Why do you suppose the disciples rebuked the people for bringing the little children to Jesus? How could the kingdom of God belong to *such as these*, and what does it mean *to receive the kingdom of God like a little child*?
2. Do we know what we must do to inherit eternal life? How do we fare in keeping the commandments in the present day? How does v. 21 impact our lives?
3. What is Jesus teaching the disciples in vv. 23-27? Of what value is our personal *self-reliance* and our *innate goodness* in attempting to enter the kingdom of God?

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4. How do we perceive the teaching in vv. 28-30? What did Jesus mean in his teaching in v. 31? How do we sometimes misuse this teaching in the twenty-first century?
5. Why did Jesus teach the disciples what was planned for him? How did Jesus include them in the events that would happen in Jerusalem? Why was it important for the disciples to go through these events with Jesus?
6. What prompted the sons of Zebedee to make the request they made of Jesus? What do you suppose they hoped to gain, if Jesus granted their request? How do we sometimes make requests like this in our present day?
7. How did Jesus deal with the request of James and John in vv. 38-40? Explain Jesus' illustration regarding their ability *to drink the cup* and *to be baptized* in the same way Jesus experienced these two events.
8. Once the other disciples heard about the request of James and John, Scripture says that the others became indignant. Why? How did Jesus explain the nature of greatness to the group in vv. 42-45?

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9. In the story of Bartimaeus we read about the blind man, who would not be quieted.
Explain the two ways Bartimaeus recognized Jesus.

10. Consider the healing of the blind man in 8:22-25 with the healing of Bartimaeus.
How were these instances similar? How were these instances different?

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