



## Success

Matthew 19:16-30

Weekend of Oct 12-13, 2019

### Sermon Summary

What constitutes success? As much as we hate to admit it, usually this is culturally determined. But Jesus has a different path to success: "Leave it all and follow me."

### Discussion Questions

What do you consider to be your greatest accomplishment?

Which of Jesus' commands are easy for you to follow?

Sometimes we reduce our Christian life to following a simple set of rules. It's great to follow and obey, but what if Jesus is calling you to something more? Consider the following story from Jesus' encounter with a religious young man.

**READ Matthew 19:16-30**

Read verses 21-22 again. Why do you suppose the man was discouraged by Jesus' answer? Do you think it was simply about money?

**READ Philippians 3:7-9**

How does Paul's perspective in this passage sound different than that of the rich young man in the Matthew passage?

In verse 8, what does your translation say Paul considers "all things" that he may gain Christ?

The Greek word "Skubalon" used in this verse is translated into our English words Garbage, Trash, or Rubbish. However, this Greek word is actually a little bit stronger. In fact, it is closer to a strong (more explicit) way of identifying animal dung (get the point?). How does this make you reconsider the things that may be holding you back from following Jesus more completely?

What do you need to leave in order to succeed at following Jesus?

### Memory Passage

Philippians 3:8 – “What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ”

### Verses We Read Together in Worship

Matthew 16:24-26

Isaiah 55:8-9

### Songs We Sang Together in Worship

Not to Us

The Lord our God

No Turning Back

I Will Go

Today is the Day