



## **The Story & Way of Jesus**

### **The Great Reversal**

Mark 10:28-31

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Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

1. A Super Spreader
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“Firstness” in our day is based on values of abilities, accomplishments, and knowledge.

**Mark 10:21 [NASB 1995]**

Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him...

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“One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

“If a drunkard signs the pledge, or a rich man gives all his money away, they are both of them freeing themselves from their slavery to alcohol or riches, but not from their bondage to themselves.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

The problem is us.

“We are well-educated people who have been schooled in a way of knowing that treats the world as an object to be dissected and manipulated, a way of knowing that gives us power over the world...We have used our knowledge to rearrange the world to satisfy our drive for power, distorting and deranging life rather than loving it for the gift it is.”

- Parker Palmer, *Invitation to a Journey*

What does it mean to receive the kingdom like a child?

**Mark 9:37 [NASB]**

“Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but Him who sent Me.”

**Mark 10:31**

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