Too Sophisticated for Heaven Mt 19:13-30

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In the previous passage, Jesus says that divorce-for-any-reason comes from a hard heart. What connection is there to Jesus now pointing out how significant children are? How are children affected by divorce?

Jesus then says the kingdom of heaven belongs to people who are like children—they trust their heavenly father and acknowledge their needs to him. What is the connection to the rich man who walks away because he is too sophisticated for the kingdom of heaven?

We are to be ‘wise as serpents and gentle as doves.’ How to we become too wise for our own good? When does our own success destroy us?

How spiritually significant is it that we all have great wealth in comparison to the people in this passage?

Why are the disciples astonished that rich people struggle to get into heaven (Mt 19:25)? How are they deeply misinformed about what being wealthy means?

How is their astonishment here like their astonishment like when they heard that divorce-for-any-reason is not right (Mt 19:10)?

If Jesus is still astonishing his disciples this late in his ministry, what does that say about how deeply their (and our) culture keeps us from not understanding God at all?

What has following Jesus cost you, that you trust him to make up to you? Why is that a big deal?