**Weekly Reading Notes** **23-07-2023**

**Scripture:** Matthew 19:1-15

**Observation:**
*(e.g. What sticks out to you? What do you think is the main point? What do you learn about God? What do you learn about people? Do you have any questions?)*

**Application:**
*(e.g. Sin to confess? Promise to claim? Attitude to change? Command to obey? Example to follow? Prayer to pray? Error to avoid? Truth to believe? Something to praise God for?)*

**Prayer:**

**Extra Readings**

*You can use the following to further reflect on the passage / sermon.*

* ***1 Corinthians 7:8-16; 25-39***

*Have you ever thought of celibacy as a “gift”? This is what Paul chose for himself and what he encouraged others to consider, what are your thoughts? In what ways does a life of singleness allow for unique devotion to the Lord?*

“Marriage and singleness both present us with unique trials and unique opportunities for our sanctification—our preparation for heaven. There will be unique rewards for each. Which is greater will not depend on whether you were married or single, but on how you responded to each.”[[1]](#footnote-1)

* ***Isaiah 56:4-5***

*How does God promise to bless obedient eunuchs? How is this blessing greater than sons and daughters? Do you see any link between this text and the reality of singleness? If so, please explain.*

1. *This Momentary Marriage.* John Piper, 113. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)