

## **Bible Readings Book by Book week 24 – w/c 17/4/22**

**Monday: Matthew 18:15-35.** How do you tend to deal with forgiveness? What are the comparisons between the two servants in vv.24-28? How would you have felt as the master when you heard that the one you had forgiven had chosen not to forgive a fellow servant?

**Tuesday: Matthew 19:1-15.** The issue of divorce and re-marriage has been a difficult one since the days of Moses! Jesus clearly teaches that marriage is intended to be permanent, but God made provision in the Old Testament Law for the difficult situations that arose. Forgiveness and love are required of us in every relationship whether married or not.

**Wednesday: Matthew 19:16-30.** Remember that we are among those classed as rich in the world today, and also by the standards of the Bible! And as Jesus makes clear in verse 26, we cannot be saved except through a miracle of God, who delights to do the impossible! What other impossible things do you need him to do for you today?

**Thursday: Matthew 20:1-19.** In the parable how do you think the worker who was first hired felt at pay time when he learnt that the person at the 11th hour got the same? This is a parable of God's grace, given not when it is expected, but when it is least expected.

**Friday: Matthew 20:20-34.** It is possible to be a disciple and still have selfish ambitions. The antidote to this is found in the example of Jesus. Consider verses 26-28. What does it mean for you to be a servant and a slave to other people today?

**Weekend: Matthew 21:1-17.** The crowd's response in verse 11 and the children's praise in verse 15 contrast with the attitude of the teachers of the law. Intellect and academic training do not necessarily give a greater understanding of who Jesus is, or lead to a greater experience of him in worship. Take time to praise him based on your understanding not your questions!