

## For Further Study:

*"Sketches of Jewish Social Life"* Alfred Edersheim

*"The Life of Christ in Stereo"* by Earl Radmacher

*"What's So Amazing About Grace?"* by Phillip Yancey

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## **"Regs" for the Kingdom** **Luke 18:15-30**

### **1. The kingdom of God is available to anyone (15-16)**

- a. Jesus showed his love for the lowly
- b. Jesus was angered by the disciple's restriction

### **2. The kingdom must be entered with humility (17)**

### **3. No one will get in on their own merits (18-23)**

- a. The young man had a list of credentials
- b. He may even have believed that Jesus is God
- c. His trust in his own credentials left him lost

### **4. The only way to be saved is through faith in Jesus**

## **Small Group Questions:**

1. If you were the gatekeeper, who would you restrict from the kingdom of God? Why?
2. How is it that a child is closer to the kingdom of God than a fine up-standing pious individual?
3. The rich young ruler trusted in his obedience, prominence, and his wealth. What are some things in your life that vie for your allegiance or a false sense of security?
4. How can you protect yourself from falsely trusting in your self or your own accomplishments for right standing with God?
5. Do you resemble a follower of Jesus? What do you lack?