



## Sermon Notes: The Great Reversal

### 1. The Rescuer of the Gospel.

- a. His activities.
- b. His attributes.

### 2. The Reversal of the Gospel.

- a. Jesus does not build his kingdom with the proud, the powerful, and the prosperous.
- b. Jesus builds his kingdom with the humble and the hungry.

### 3. The Repercussions of the Gospel.

- a. The Gospel ruins the self-sufficient.
- b. The Gospel rejoices the God-dependent.

### 4. The Response to the Gospel.

- a. Come to Jesus empty handed.
- b. Embrace attitudes and actions of God-dependency.
- c. Seek and serve the marginalized.



## Application Questions: The Great Reversal

1. How (specifically) did you make yourself willing and available for the Lord's plan this week? What happened?
2. What types of people do politicians and businesspersons normally pursue? Why?
3. What types of people did Jesus pursue? What does this say about how Jesus' kingdom would be fundamentally different than the kingdoms of this world?
4. Why do you think powerful and wealthy people find it particularly hard to take an interest in the Gospel? What have they substituted for the Gospel?
5. What key behaviors would you expect to see in the life of someone who is radically God-dependent?
6. What "ripples" is the Gospel creating in your life right now? [i.e. How do your heart and mind spontaneously react to the news that Jesus saves the humble and the hungry?]
7. What are some things that create/foster self-sufficiency in your heart? What are some steps you might take to drive out this self-sufficiency and replace it with God-dependency?
8. What are some ways to cultivate a humble, hungry heart?
9. What are you going to have to put down in order to come to God empty handed?
10. You actively pursue friendships with, and invest in, what kinds of people? How could you stretch yourself to include people who are unlike you?
11. What one thing will you do with this message this week? How will God's mercy help you do that? How will God's might help you do that?