

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Applying this message to everyday life.

1. When you trade up with Jesus, it seems like you come out the clear winner. What does Jesus get with such a transaction?
2. If you are one who has traded up, what is it that you gave up?
3. What holds you back from a more involved role in the church and kingdom of God? What are you holding back for fear of giving it up?
4. Pray for the people you know to see the wisdom in giving up what they cannot keep to gain what they cannot lose.

Axioms
#708 With Jesus You Don't Give Up, You Trade Up
Mark 10:17-30

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A _____ is a choice you make to give up something of lesser value now in order to gain something far more valuable in the future.

Jesus always invites you to _____ up.

People Who Traded Up

1. _____ traded royal food for healthy food (Dan 1:8 – 15).
2. _____ traded his bid to Pharaoh's throne to lead the Hebrews out of captivity (Acts 7:33-36).
3. _____ traded her culture to care for aging mother-in-law (Ruth 1:16-17, 4:13, 16-17).
4. _____ traded his lucrative tax collecting career to follow Jesus (Matt 9:9).
5. _____ traded his reputation & accomplishments to follow Jesus (Phil 3:7-14).

Paul _____ far more than he _____ up.

_____ gave Paul a set of rules, but Jesus gave him forgiveness, purpose, peace & hope!

If today you have yet to receive Jesus for fear of _____ up, why not rethink that in terms of _____ up?

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.” – Jim Elliot

GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to warm up your group.

- A. Name a city or town that you lived in once upon a time.

- B. What is something in your past that no longer influences you – something you are forgetting what is behind?

- C. Who is someone you admire for the “trade-up” they made with Jesus?

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK

Prepare to discuss your answer to the following questions.

Quick Review

1. As you reflect on last week’s sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

2. Explain the difference of receiving a trade in our worldly system (perhaps a car trade in) and receiving a trade up from the Lord.

3. This sermon identified 5 biblical characters who gave something up in order to trade up with God. Can you think of other biblical examples of such people?

4. What held back the rich young ruler from accepting the eternal life that Jesus offered to him (Mark 10:17-30)? List the reasons why he made a poor decision and walked away sad.

5. In your opinion, what are the most challenging things to give up in order to receive Christ?