

WEEK 25
Mark 10:17-31

Discussion Guide
From Exalting Jesus in Mark

At what age did you begin to ponder the ultimate questions of life? What questions have you thought about the most?

How does the context of Jesus welcoming the little child set the stage for this instruction?

Why is (1) coming to Jesus (2) with respect and (3) in humility necessary for salvation? Why is it not sufficient?

How do churchgoing Christians sometimes make it look like our religion is based on what we do? How can we change this perception?

Is it possible for a person to keep the last six commandments? How do Matthew 5:22,28 and 22:36-40 raise the bar for perfection?

Why did Jesus make this particular demand of the rich young ruler? What demand might He make of you? (What is your identity? What is your savior?)

Is wealth evidence of God's favor? How can it also be an impediment to salvation? What determines your opinion about money: your culture or the Bible?

Are there some people who have the gift of managing money for the kingdom and others who do not? What are the characteristics of this gift? Do you have the gift?

Is it wrong to seek a reward? How is the reward of discipleship better than anything the world has to offer?

Why did Jesus mention "persecutions" (v. 30) among the rewards of discipleship? Does this kind of frank disclosure seem like a good policy for evangelism?"

Tim Keller's Study Guide

Read verses 17-31.

Why is Jesus' first answer to the rich young man so unexpected, in light of verses 13-16 and the rest of the gospel? What is he getting at? Why is his second answer so unexpected? What is he getting at?

In verse 21, why would Jesus “send away sad” someone who filled him with love?

What does Jesus teach about wealth and riches in verses 23-31? Why do you think riches are such a spiritual snare? What is Jesus promising in verses 29-31 and how can we “lose” and “gain” some of these things today?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:9. You know something the rich young man did not. How can this make Jesus' call to us a joy?

Is there an application you can make as a result of today's new found truth?

From Warren Wiersbe

What makes the good-works approach to salvation superficial? Why do you think the young man thought he could settle his account with God by doing works? What did this reveal about his heart?

Wiersbe says that the young ruler from Mark 10 “measured obedience only by external actions and not by inward attitudes.” Give some examples of measuring obedience by inward attitudes.

What is the most important lesson you’ve learned about money and its priority in your life?

OIKOS THOUGHTS

- Who do you allow to speak into your life?
- Who’s life are you allowed to speak into?
- What amazes you, astonishes you about Jesus?
- Who would God have you share that amazement, that astonishment with?

DIGGING DEEPER

[# 34 Is Jesus God or Is He God- Chris Brown \(57:00\)](#)
[Sermon notes and Discussion Guide](#)

[Lost in Niceness- Alistair Begg \(44:12\)](#)

[Rich Young Ruler; Alistair Begg \(37:33\)](#)

[One Thing You Lack, Alistair Begg \(38:13\)](#)

[Walk away sad - Francis Chan \(4:00\)](#)

[Bonus: Like a Little Child, Alistair Begg \(33:11\)](#)