

Warmup

What are some of the things that people do that make them think they are “good enough” for God?

Discussion - Read Mark 10:13-31

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. When the rich man addressed Jesus as “Good teacher” how does Jesus respond? What is the irony in His response? Why do you think He responds this way? What does Jesus’ response say about us?
3. How does Jesus view this man, once the man tells him he has kept all these commandments since boyhood? (v21)
4. Even though Jesus loves him, He goes on to tell him what is remaining for him to do. It is clear that no one can keep the commandments and it is likely that there are other commandments that the man had broken during his life.
 - a. Why do you suppose Jesus asked him to give away everything he had to the poor?
 - b. Note that Jesus isn’t just concerned that the man rid himself of his money. He is also concerned with “how” he gets rid of it.
 - c. Do you think there is a message here for all of us concerning money?
5. When this proves to be too much for the young man what famous comparison does Jesus to a rich person entering the Kingdom of God? (v23-24)
 - a. Jesus asked him to give away his wealth because Jesus knew that money was the thing that the rich man was not willing to “give up” in order to follow Jesus. Clearly Jesus is teaching about riches, but even if we do not have a lot of money, we may have other things that we are not willing to give up.
 - b. What are other things that might keep us from following Jesus or keep us from having treasure in heaven?”
6. Jesus says that like the camel through the needle it is impossible for anyone to gain entrance to the Kingdom of God on their own, but that with God, all things are possible. Why do you think people have such a hard time accepting that?
7. Matt mentioned two approaches: the *Decent Way* or the *Disciple’s Way*.
 - a. What is the the *Decent Way*? [I’m trying , I’m in control, I decide.]
 - b. What’s different with the *Disciple’s Way*? [Jesus is in control. I’m dependent upon God. I realize that He loves me.]
8. Does the *Disciple’s Way* seem as tough as a camel going through the needle’s eye?
 - a. It is. But with God all things are possible.

Hitting the Road

9. Take some to consider what is your “wealth”, one thing that you are not willing to let Christ control. Break into pairs or threes and share this if you wish. Then pray for one another or pray silently.
10. Continue through the week to pray for yourself and for these others, that God would do the impossible and that we would choose the *Disciple’s Way*.