

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, November 22, 2015

Passage: Mark 10:17-31

Memory Passage: Mark 10:25-27

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 10:17-31.** What does the way the man approaches Jesus tell you about his sincerity?
- (b) Does the man ask the right question, the wrong question, or the right question in the wrong way (v. 18)? Explain.
- (c) What should the man have understood about Jesus when he heard His answer (v. 19)?
- (d) In Jesus' partial listing of the 10 Commandments, why do you think He says "do not defraud" instead of "do not covet"?
- (e) How could the man possibly claim, "all these I have kept from my youth" (notice that Jesus does not challenge him)?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 10:17-31.** How are Jesus' words an expression of love (cf. "Jesus . . . loved him" in v. 21)?
- (b) What was the "one thing" that the man lacked (after all, Jesus uses 5 verbs in v. 21 to describe what the man must do)?
- (c) What were Jesus' commands (go, sell, give, come, follow) designed to reveal about the man, and how do you know they succeeded? If Jesus said this to you, what would have been revealed about yourself?
- (d) Why could the man not obey Jesus' commands (v. 22)? Would you have been able to obey Jesus's radical command?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 10:17-31.** What is "the kingdom of God" and what does it have to do with being good, eternal life, treasure in heaven, and being saved (vs. 17, 21, 26, 31)?
- (b) Why is it difficult for the wealthy (vs. 23, 25) or in fact anyone (v. 24) to enter the kingdom of God?

(c) Why do Jesus' statements cause the disciples to move from being "amazed" to being "exceedingly astonished?"

(d) Explain Jesus' answer (v. 27) and what it has to do with the kingdom of God, salvation, eternal life, and being good.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 10:17-31.** Explain how one would give up each of the things in v. 29 "for (Jesus') sake and the gospel."

(b) Explain how believers receive "hundredfold now in this time" increases in family, house, and lands.

(c) Why do you think Jesus leaves out "fathers" in v. 30?

(d) Why is eternal life listed as a blessing "in the age to come?"

(e) Explain v. 31 and its function in the context of 10:17-31.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 10:17-31.** Is Jesus teaching that eternal life is gained by selling all and giving to the poor? Why/why not? Is He teaching that every believer must sell all and give to the poor? Why/why not?

(b) Why did Jesus demand such actions from this man but not Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)? Is it bad to be rich? Explain.

(c) What is the state of your heart toward wealth and the false security it brings?

(d) How can you assess whether or not you are walking away from Jesus and His blessings because of your possessions?

(e) What steps should you take to address any unhealthy relationships you have with earthly wealth and false security?

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The Discipleship Dilemma