

Jesus Loves Rich People Too

Mark 10:17-31

Ice Breaker: If someone gave you ten thousand dollars, and you couldn't give the money away, how would you spend it? In other words, you have to spend it on yourself – what would you do?

Big Idea: Jesus doesn't coerce us into giving our money away. He doesn't guilt-trip us into giving our money away. He simply says, "Surrender your money to me. It'll be worth it. I'll not only take care of you in amazing ways in this life – but I'll have treasures waiting for you in Heaven, too."

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Read Mark 10:17-21. What is this rich man trying to achieve in coming to Jesus? Why do you think Mark includes the comment: "Jesus loved him" in this story? How does this inform the way we view what Jesus calls the rich man to do at the end of v21?
- 2) Read Mark 10:22. How does the rich man respond to Jesus' invitation? How would you have responded to Jesus in this situation? If he were to call you today to give away all your money and possessions – how would you respond?
- 3) Jesus doesn't call all of his followers to give everything away, but He does call some to do this. On Sunday Pastor Joshua made the comment: *'The fact that Jesus did not command all his followers to sell all their possessions gives comfort only to the kind of people to whom he would issue that command.'* Discuss this with each other.
- 4) Read Mark 10:23-27. What does Jesus say is the relationship between the wealthy and the Kingdom of God? What is the disciples' response to this teaching? Why are the disciples so "amazed" (v24, 26) at what Jesus is saying? What do you think about what Jesus is saying in these verses?
- 5) Read Mark 10:28-31. What does Peter want to know from Jesus? What does Jesus promise Peter? If you were to put together a 'cost/benefit' analysis of following Jesus – what would it look like? Spend some time praying for each other that you would hear God's voice – and do whatever He wants you to do with your (His) money.