

Luke 18:18-30
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God.

## **MESSAGE NOTES**

Thursday, August 4 Sunday, August 7

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Luke 18:18-30 <sup>18</sup> A ruler questioned Him, saying, 'Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit etern <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to him, 'Why do you can good? No one is good except God alon know the commandments, 'Do not coadultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, not bear false witness, Honor your fath mother."	nal life?' all Me ne. <sup>20</sup> You mmit Do	notes
<sup>21</sup> And he said, 'All these things I have ke from <i>my</i> youth.' <sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard <i>th</i> said to him, 'One thing you still lack; se that you possess and distribute it to th and you shall have treasure in heaven; come, follow Me.' <sup>23</sup> But when he had h these things, he became very sad, for hextremely rich.	nis, He ell all e poor, and eard	
<sup>24</sup> And Jesus looked at him and said, 'He it is for those who are wealthy to enter kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> For it is easier for a go through the eye of a needle than forman to enter the kingdom of God.' <sup>26</sup> Th heard it said, 'Then who can be saved? He said, 'The things that are impossible people are possible with God.'	the camel to or a rich ney who ' <sup>27</sup> But	
<sup>28</sup> Peter said, 'Behold, we have left our of homes and followed You.' <sup>29</sup> And He said them, 'Truly I say to you, there is no one has left house or wife or brothers or particle or children, for the sake of the kingdor God, <sup>30</sup> who shall not receive many time in this present time, and in the age to eternal life.'"	d to e who rents n of es more	
v18, 19 The right question with the wro perspective.	ng	
Jesus is more than a "good teacher.	 ." He is	

The church is built upon the revelation of Jesus. (Matt 16:18)	notes
More than "because the Bible says so."	
v20 I am a good person He is the total package. A good guy, wealthy and young.	
v22 You forgot the first commandment - You shall have no other gods before me. (Exodus 20:3)	
Jesus is not trying to change the man's behavior - he is trying to change his god.	
"The heart is an idol maker." John Calvin An idol can be a good thing, just in the wrong place.	
v23 Sad - deeply grieve.	
Grief over his own life. I am not good enough, I am my possessions, my position, my passions	
What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? Mark 8:36	
"Does this spark joy?" Marie Kondo	
Mental health pandemic	
V24-27 This is impossible without God	
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is	
the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 5:3) *the first be attitude.	
How to break the idol of materialism Admit your spiritual poverty Let go of your possessions and accept God's gift of salvation.	
<ul> <li>Live a life of gratitude.</li> <li>Practice generosity.</li> </ul>	
v28 You will not regret following Jesus.	
Following Jesus will cost you something, not following Jesus will cost you everything.	
The ground is level at the foot of the cross.	

## **GROUP DISCUSSION**

Jesus the Philosopher: Answers for Life Luke 18:18-30, August 4 & 7, 2022

## **Prayer Requests:**

**Group Discussion:** What is something you deeply desired and when you got it, it did not live up to the expectation?

## Read Luke 18:18-30

- 1. How can we share with the world that Jesus was more than just a good man or a good teacher, but God? Paul says in 2 Cor 2:2 "For I decided that while I was with you, I would forget everything except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." How does focusing our faith on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus change our perspective?
- 2. John Calvin says the heart is an idol maker. Do you agree with that statement? What idols have you had to overcome in your life? Do they creep back in sometimes? The rich young ruler experienced deep grief when he chose not to follow Jesus. Can you relate to times you rejected God?
- 3. Salvation is impossible without God. God made it possible through His son Jesus. To receive this gift, we must admit our spiritual bankruptcy. What keeps us from admitting our need for Jesus? How does God feel about pride?
- 4. The idol of materialism is as old as time. Do you think it's more prevalent now than in other times? Do you think it's ok to have nice things? How do you balance wealth with following Jesus? A question to think about this week, Am I a generous person?

**Family Time:** Ask your family about a need they see around them. Ask how you could be a part of God's story in the earth by helping with that need. Plan and execute a generous act together as a family.