

LifeGroup Questions
Based on: Mark 10:17-27
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Overview

My kids love asking for money. They have no real need for it since everything is provided for them, but none the less they still ask. When I do give them a few dollars they are overjoyed. What I find curious is when I ask for a dollar back, they do not want to give any money back. The only reason they have the money is because I gave it to them and yet the person they are the stingiest with is me. Does this make any sense?

In today's passage a rich young ruler comes and asks Jesus what he must do to earn eternal life. If this were to happen in a church today we would ask them to profess Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Jesus doesn't do this, He does something completely different instead. He tells the ruler to GO, SELL, and GIVE. This young ruler was asking all the right questions and yet he was presented with an answer he didn't like. Jesus wanted more than his obedience.

Why did Jesus make this requirement of this ruler? This should be a very difficult passage to read for Christians living in America. We are by far some of the wealthiest people on earth. Jesus wants more than obedience. He wants complete surrender. This doesn't mean everyone needs to sell all they have, but it does mean you can only have one Lord in your life. Will it be your finances or Jesus?

Bible Study: Mark 10:17-27

1. Mark 10:17-27. What are some of your initial thoughts after reading this passage?
2. Jesus didn't require all of his disciples to sell all they have. We can see in scripture that some still had houses and boats. Why does Jesus ask this rich young ruler to sell all he had?
3. What is the one thing you tend to hold on to tightest and not want to surrender to Jesus?
4. Discuss the difference between obedience and complete surrender.
5. Jesus' disciples were shocked by this teaching. Two thousand years ago, and today, this is considered a hard teaching. Why?