

### **Mark 10:17-31 English Standard Version (ESV)**

**17** And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” **18** And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. **19** You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” **20** And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” **21** And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” **22** Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

**23** And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” **24** And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! **25** It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” **26** And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” **27** Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” **28** Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” **29** Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, **30** who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. **31** But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

### ***Discussion/Journal Questions***

How is everyone doing with the Resolve 2021 goals? How is your time in prayer, Bible, and Christian community going?

Read Mark 10:17-22. What is your initial reaction to this encounter? What questions does this story provoke?

What is the world’s standard for a “good” person? What does a good person look like or do?

What is Jesus’ standard for goodness?

Mark 10:21 says that Jesus looked at the rich man and loved him. What is the difference between the world’s definition of love versus Jesus’ example of love?

What sits on the throne of your life? Why is it so hard for us to surrender the throne to Jesus?

In the sermon, John describes the Decent Way. In your own words, what is the Decent Way? How is it different from the Disciple’s Way?

Has Jesus ever disrupted your decent life in order to get your attention? What happened?

Read Mark 10:23-31. What promise does Jesus make here?

Are you walking the Decent Way or the Disciple's Way? What is Jesus calling you to surrender?

How can your group pray for you this week?

**Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?**

**Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?**

**Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?**