

“ALMOST” (Rich Young Ruler)

LIFEBLOOD: GOSPEL STORIES Sermon Series

Luke 18:18-30

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SLIDE #1

BIG IDEA: Every person is faced with choosing a relationship or a religion – what will you choose?

SLIDE #2

1. POPULAR DECEPTION #1 – “I must DO SOMETHING to get to heaven.” | (vs. 18-20)

SLIDE #3

Gospel Reality #1 – Success (in culture) does NOT bring ultimate satisfaction (in contentment)!

SLIDE #4

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” **Mark 10:17 NIV**

SLIDE #5

Gospel Reality #2 – How I view self will identify whether or not I am ready to receive salvation!

SLIDE #6

PICTURE – Ten Commandments

SLIDE #7

2. POPULAR DECEPTION #2 – “I am GOOD ENOUGH in comparison to others for heaven.” | (vs. 21-22)

SLIDE #8

A false sense of security is when you celebrate what does not tempt you while overlooking what does!

SLIDE #9

¹³ “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. **Matthew 7:13-14 NIV**

SLIDE #10

¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **Matthew 6:19-21 NIV**

SLIDE #11

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” **Matthew 16:24 NIV**

SLIDE #12

“You shall have no other gods before me.” **Exodus 20:3 NIV**

SLIDE #13

A false sense of reality is when we limit God’s holiness standard to what we are “good at accomplishing!”

SLIDE #14

“...honor your father and mother,’ and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.” **Mathew 19:19 NIV**

SLIDE #15

You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” **Mark 10:19 NIV**

SLIDE #16

³⁷ Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” **Matthew 22:37-40 NIV**

SLIDE #17

3. POPULAR DECEPTION #3 – “I have TOO MUCH TO GIVE UP to choose heaven.” | (vs. 23-27)

SLIDE #18

What can be found in your “tightest grip” is usually the first thing that needs to be given over to Jesus!

SLIDE #19

PICTURE – The “Eye of Needle”

SLIDE #20

Do NOT give up – keep inviting people, investing in people, and interceding for people to come to Jesus!