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Study questions for C4 Connect Groups and individual use.

MARK 10: 17-31

What do you enjoy about having money and things and what do you find difficult about having money and things?

If you were really honest, how much time do you spend in your day thinking about or concerned for money or stuff?

CONTEXT - What does the Scripture say?

Read the passage in two different bible versions. What is your initial response to this story?

CONNECT - What does the Scripture mean?

How did the sermon inform you and impact your understanding of this passage?

v. 17 What do you think prompted him to kneel before Jesus?

v. 18 - 21 Why does Jesus object to being called "good"? How do you feel about Jesus' response? Do Jesus' words seem a bit harsh, asking him to sell everything? Is this fair?

v. 21 Jesus was very compassionate to him – 'He loved him' – why do you think Jesus was so kind toward him?

Do we respond with the same compassion or judgment when people don't want to leave the life they are living to follow Jesus?

v. 23 - 27 Why does Jesus say it is hard for wealthy people to follow Him? Is it better to be poor?

v. 26 -27 What do these verses tell us about where salvation comes from?

v. 29 -31 What does it say will be your reward?

CONTEMPLATE - What does the Scripture mean to me?

Does wealth, family or property hold you back from following Christ? Why or why not? Are you willing to give it all up for Jesus?

Are you holding back on Jesus? Is He asking you to give up your money or stuff to more fully follow Him? What will you do?

COMMUNITY - How will you live this out in your life?

Reflect on 1 Timothy 6: 17-19. What is your response?

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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