



Week Three: Follow Jesus

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

¹⁷ 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?” ¹⁸ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered, “No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ 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.’” ²⁰ “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” ²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²² At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. ²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is ^[L] to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” ²⁸ Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!” ²⁹ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.” Mark 10:17-31

WARM UP

- What stood out to you from the message? (idea, story, Scripture, etc.)
- As Pastor Kevin introduced our main scripture this week, he explained that the book of Mark contains contrasts that depict Jesus in some unexpected upside-down ways. For instance, the outsiders are more insightful than the insiders, those who seem to be in power are the weakest, those who are seemingly perceptive are actually blind, those who are furthest from the Kingdom know Jesus’ identity best, etc. In what ways through Scripture or you own experience have you come to understand Jesus’ upside-down ways?
- All 4 Gospel writers include the story of the rich man found in Mark 10. Why do you think this story is so important?

(Below you will find the main points of this week’s sermon along with discussion questions. Feel free to use, reword, or omit questions depending on the needs of your group and the time needed for prayer, care, and fellowship. Thank you for your leadership.)

Thought #1 – The man was an overachiever.

Verses: Mark 10:17a

- Ok, Group, it’s time to be refreshingly honest: would you say that you are most *typically*...
 - an overachiever?
 - an underachiever?
 - middle-of-the-road – it just depends on the situation?
- The rich man came *running* to Jesus. What can we conclude about his hurry, posture, status, and position?
- Perhaps it is the present season you are in, or perhaps it was during a different season of your life; but during what season of your spiritual life do you feel as if you were running toward Jesus the most desperately, intentionally, and energetically? Why do you say this?

Thought # 2 – This rich man asked an interesting question: “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Verses: Mark 10:17b

- Pastor Kevin said, “This question is one that every person has to think about at some point in

