

Sermon Guide



“Do Not Hinder Them”

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“Jesus said to him, “If you want to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

Matthew 19:16-26

- 1. In the Old Testament, obedience brought blessings.** Understanding this reframes the conversation between Jesus and the rich young man. Jesus tells the man to sell all that he has; the rich young man knows that obeying Jesus will affect the way other people see him as a good man. Are there ways you still try to show your goodness to others through your own efforts? How so? (Remember: Jesus clearly shows that only God can be called “good.”)
- 2. Jesus goes straight at the heart of the rich young man: he tells him to love his neighbor as himself.** This shows God’s desire for us to not only love God *but also love others*. Is your love for God producing love for others? Or are you feeling stuck?
- 3. To Jews and Greeks, perfect means “complete” or “lacking nothing.” The word causes us to ask, “what am I supposed to be? Am I who I was made to be?”** When we have Christ, we are complete. *We are created for Him, and we have Him.* Are there areas you still feel you lack something that could complete you, even though you have Christ? What are those areas? (Note: longing is healthy if we submit it to the truth.)
- 4. Greg said that a time is coming when discipleship to Christ will cost us dearly.** Has your faith cost you? Share about that journey.

We often talk about taking your next step of faith with Jesus. As you reflect on this week’s teaching, what is the next step of faith you’ll commit to?