

## **Part 1 - The Truth about the Human Heart**

### **Bible Study: Mark 10:17–31**

1. What is one area of life where people tend to give themselves the benefit of the doubt or assume they are doing better than they really are?
2. Read verses 17–22. What stands out to you about the rich young man's question and the way he approaches Jesus? What does his question reveal about how he understands eternal life?
3. Jesus says, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone" (v. 18). Why does Jesus begin there? What is He exposing about the man's view of goodness?
4. When the man says, "All these I have kept from my youth" (v. 20), what does that reveal about the danger of measuring righteousness only by outward behavior? Where do people still do that today?
5. Verse 21 says, "Jesus, looking at him, loved him." Why is that detail so important? What does it teach us about the relationship between love and truth?
6. Jesus tells the man to sell what he has, give to the poor, and follow Him. Was Jesus mainly giving a universal command for everyone to give away all possessions, or was He exposing something particular in this man's heart? Explain your answer.

7. Read Verses 23–27. Why are the disciples so shocked by Jesus' teaching about wealth? What does their response show about common assumptions regarding blessing, success, and salvation?
  
8. Jesus says, "With man it is impossible, but not with God" (v. 27). What is impossible for man in this passage? How does that statement cut against self-improvement, moral striving, or works-righteousness?
  
9. Read verses 28–31. Peter starts counting what the disciples have left behind. Why is that such a human response? What is the difference between sacrifice as a response to grace and sacrifice as an attempt to earn grace?
  
10. Close Together in Prayer