

March 16th/17th I Craig Smith: A Dangerous Blessing (Mark 10:17-22)

- 1. Share a time in your life where your faith in Jesus led you to make a financial sacrifice for someone else.
 - a. What were the circumstances?
 - b. Did you experience some inner conflict about it?
 - c. If so, what did you do to resolve it?

//Read Mark 10:17-22//

- 2. What is significant about the way the man presented himself to Jesus?
- 3. Why did the man lack confidence in his eternal destiny?
- 4. How did Jesus press into the root issue in the man's life? (see v. 18)

If eternal life were the reward for what we do, we could never be confident we've done enough.

- 5. Do you think *goodness* is something that we can achieve? Or, does it have to be granted to us by God—almost like a title bestowed upon us?
- 6. How is eternal life the *result* of following Jesus?
 - a. What is it about eternal life being the result of *following* Jesus that sets Christianity apart from all world religions?
 - b. How is *following* Jesus both about *obeying* Scripture and having relationship with Jesus?
- 7. Consider Jesus' love for the man in v. 21. How does Jesus' love for the man provide the basis for his invitation to follow him?
- 8. What held the man back from following Jesus?
- 9. What role does obedience play in our relationship with Jesus?

Generosity is the key to having money without being held back by it.

10. How can you grow in generosity with your money this month?

Leaders: Record your group's engagement via the MHC app.