

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

Pray for God to working through your discussion to further transform you into the likeness of Christ.

Key Scripture: *Mark* 10:17-10:31

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- Jesus takes him to Divinity.
- Jesus takes him to the Law (10 Commandments).
- Jesus tells him to give up his worldly controls and custodies and follow Me.

Group Question. Think back to the message. What sticks out?

Big Idea of the Message: In the kingdom of God, power and importance are flipped upside down.

Application Point: Living with kingdom values means valuing the vulnerable and sacrificing for others.

Start talking.

- Why do you call God good?
- Why does Jesus take him to law?
- When we think about people who are wealthy, money or possessions usually comes to mind. What other forms of wealth do people have that can hinder them from entering the kingdom of God?

Start thinking.

- Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God. When the rich young man addressed Jesus as "Good teacher," why did Jesus say, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone"? Does this trouble you?
- After Jesus clarifies that God alone is good, He perceives that the rich young man knows God's law and says, "You know the commandments . . ." and then waited for the young man's response. Why do you think Jesus did not answer the question directly the first time? Why didn't Jesus just say right away, "One thing you lack: go and sell all your possessions and give to the poor?" In other words, what is the significance of Jesus not pointing out this man's idolatry right away?
- Reflect on Jesus' words in Mark 8:34 and Paul's words in Philippians 3:7-9. What is the relationship between these two verses and Jesus' command to the rich young man to sell everything? In all three cases, what is the cost and what is the reward?

Start sharing.

- What is God calling you to sell in order to follow Him? This question is not limited to material possessions. In other words, what worldly treasures or pleasures or dreams (or even comforts and securities) is God calling you to lose for His sake? Or, what things have you surrendered in the past?
- Seeing as we live in a very prosperous culture, it is important to be able to know when a legitimate pleasure is crossing the line to becoming an idol. The difference can be subtle and very difficult to recognize.
- How can we grow in our desire to treasure Christ more, lose our life more, count everything as loss more, gladly pick up our cross more, and ultimately, live for the glory of God more and more?

Start Praying:

- Share some ways that you can pray for each other regarding the challenges and blessings of daily life that you are currently experiencing.
- Specifically pray that God would shape a heart of servant hood in the members of your City Group.
- Pray for God's unique provision for our Church Movement expansion.

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