

Week 1- "The Danger of Trusting What We Have And What We Do"

In this series, we discover a couple of areas where we can strive to find identity, peace, joy, comfort, and control. We begin this week looking at how our money and morality both can become a defining factor in our lives and how Christianity offers an invitation to find what we are looking for in Christ and His Kingdom.

Read Mark 10:17-31

- 1. Where are you on the continuum of trusting your moral goodness?
- 2. In what ways do you think this impacts your relationship with your family, at work, and with God?
- 3. Where are you on the continuum of trusting money?
- 4. In what ways do you think this impacts your relationships and the decisions you make?
- 5. Are you able to recognize when you are striving for control in your morality and money?
- 5. What do you think it practically looks like to invite God to help you evaluate what you are placing your trust in?
- 6. What do you think it practically looks like to surrender to Christ instead of in what you do and what you have?

Christianity teaches and our human experience confirms that money and morality don't give us what we want and what we need. They are loud voices in our life but money and morality are frail, empty, and flawed. The danger is that they have the ability to keep us from entering into all the peace, hope, security, meaning, and joy that living in the Kingdom of God offers us. Christianity teaches that Jesus offers us an invitation to put our trust in Him instead of the frailty of what we do and what we have. What are you trusting in?