



Hillside Church of Marin - Discussion Questions

"Reflections for a New Year"
On 1/4/26 - From Mark 10:17-27

Main Point: When we bring our desires to Jesus, he invites us to something deeper and does the impossible in us because of his great love.

Getting Started

- Did you make any kind of resolution this year? What is it?

Digging Deeper into Scripture

Read Mark 10:17-22 aloud

This Sunday we asked four questions, and gave time for prayer and reflection. Let's share what we sensed from God during that time. If you weren't able to attend, just share your initial thoughts about these questions with the group.

- The man in the story was seeking eternal life.
What are you seeking from Jesus?
- Jesus invites the man to radical generosity and, most importantly, to follow him. Jesus has a call on all Christians, both in general, and specifically.
What is the "something more" that Jesus is inviting you to this year?
- Jesus exposes that the man cannot "good deed" himself into relationship with God, and the man had great wealth that stood in his way from saying yes to Jesus's incredible invitation.
What is standing in your way or keeping you from saying yes to Jesus?
- Jesus gives the man steps he can take into the invitation for authentic relationship with Jesus, not just a list of "do's and don't's." There's a plan of action to follow.
What would it look like for you to say yes to Christ's invitation in this new year?

Read Mark 10:23-27 aloud

- In light of what we've been talking about, how does it make you feel to know that
 - **Jesus can do the impossible in you**
 - **Jesus sees you and loves you**
- Where do you see the grace and love of Jesus in this passage?

Application

- What are some specific actions you're going to take in response to what we've discussed today?
(Think of specific practices, things you can do, not just generalities. For example: instead of "pray more," try "set an alarm to pray at 12:00 every day this week")
- How can this group support you and help you hold to these actions?

Prayer Time

- How can we pray for you personally to say yes to Jesus this year? Let's write these things down and commit to pray for one another now, and in the days to come.

Ask people if there is something else they will be praying for this week that they would like the group to join them in praying for. Give each person a chance to share but don't force people to share if they would rather not. Then take a few minutes and have one or two people pray for the requests of the group.