



This guide is an invitation to follow Jesus with greater purpose and hope. It will help you to explore the scriptures and challenge you to live out your faith. Each week we'd love for you to think about how you relate: **Up** (with God), **In** (with church) and **Out** (with neighbors).

#### **Weekly Questions:**

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
- How are you living up with God?
- How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
- How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

#### **Mark: Act II**

#### **Read Mark 10:17-31**

- "Eternal life" in the context of Jesus's teaching is described as "belonging to the Age to Come"—where God's rule is fully restored on earth—rather than simply going to heaven after you die. What does the man's question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" (Mark 10:17) reveal about his understanding of how to participate in the blessings of the age Jesus was ushering in?
- Money is often one of the core distractions that makes it difficult for us to follow Jesus. Pastor Josh asked in the message: "Where are you delaying eternal life by living selfishly today?" How does your daily life reflect whether you are living as a citizen of the Kingdom of God today?
- Jesus told the man, "One thing you lack... Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me". Do you tend to approach following Jesus like a math equation, focusing on hitting a minimum number to "get in," or as a radical invitation to change how you live right now?
- The context of Mark 10 is Jesus making it clear that the Kingdom of God looks like a place where children and the insignificant matter deeply. The message asks what sacrifices your church needs to make to make it clear that the next generation is essential to the Kingdom of God breaking in. What sacrifices do you believe our church needs to make to prioritize the hopes, dreams, and belonging of the next generation ahead of your own preferences or comfort? How can you give your life away for the next generation of Jesus followers?
- Jesus says it is difficult for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God, and later, the disciples ask, "Who then can be saved?". Jesus responds, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God". The challenge with wealth is putting hope in the security of resources rather than in Jesus. Where are you tempted to find security or identity in your resources, status, or influence, instead of in Jesus?
- In the spirit of being a disciple, what is one tangible way you can demonstrate a willingness to live today as a citizen of the Age to Come? (The Age to Come is heaven being made real on earth as in heaven that

has begun in light of Jesus' resurrection and will be fulfilled one day when all things are restored to the way God intended.)