



THE
ORIGINAL
JESUS

LIFEGroup Study Guide



The Prosperity Jesus // Matthew 19:23-30

Getting Started

- *Larger LIFEGroups may consider splitting into same gender groups in order to facilitate more meaningful discussion.*
- *Groups will not have enough time to discuss every question. Leaders are encouraged to skip questions and make substitutions based on what's best for their group.*

Warm Ups (15 Min)

- Everyone go around and share a “High” from the week and a “Low” from the week.

Scripture Study (30 Min)

- **HEAD - These questions help us examine what the Word shows.**
- Read Matthew 19:23-30
- Jesus teaches that it is only with difficulty that a rich person will turn from sin and trust Him as their Savior. However, He did also say that all things are possible with God (Matt. 19:26). Paul also says: “As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus

storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life” (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

- Jesus’ consistent teaching is that money can be a distraction to turning to God. How is this teaching different compared to those who promise prosperity if they follow Jesus?
- If Job, Jesus, and the Apostles experienced suffering then we should not be expecting prosperity simply because of our faith. How can suffering draw a person nearer to God?
- **HEART - These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.**
- Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10 and Philippians 4:10-13. Are you content with what you have or do you consistently wish you had more? Why or why not?
- **HANDS - These questions help us bring truth and beliefs to our everyday.**
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:10-11. What does this passage teach us about giving to the cause of Jesus?
- What do you believe God is calling on you to think or do differently as a result of these Scripture passages?

Group Prayer (15 Min)

Trios (20 Min)

Same gender groups of three. If numbers are uneven, go to groups of two.

- **Spiritual Velocity:**
 - How did you see God at work in your life this week?
 - What has God been teaching you in His Word as you’ve encountered it in this week’s Life Journal readings, Sunday message, or LIFEGroup study?
 - What’s an area of your life in which you know you need to repent or grow? How can we encourage you?
- **Joining Jesus on His Mission:**
 - What kind of conversations are you having with non-Christians? How’s your 3-2-1 challenge going? Share about connections you’re building and

spiritual conversations you're having with non-believing neighbors and friends.

- List the names of non-Christians in your life that you can pray for:

- What good can we do around here? (Missional party? Service project?)
- How can we help each other, our neighbors, and our city in prayer?