

INTRODUCTION

A rich young ruler comes to Jesus seeking salvation, but leaves without it, for he is unable/unwilling to give up his idol. Jesus then concludes explaining 1) how hard it is to be saved; 2) but all things, even the impossible, are possible with God.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?
- What is your overall impression of Jesus in this passage?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Mark 10.17-31**
- Why do the gospel writers, who often do not present events in chronological order, always place this event right after Jesus' encounter with children?
- Why does Jesus ask the man about the 10 commandments?
- Why does Jesus tell him to sell everything and give it to the poor and follow Jesus?
- What does Jesus mean that it is harder for a rich person to be saved than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle?
- Is there a connection between wealth and God's favor?

APPLICATION

- Do you ever use the law in evangelism/witnessing? Should you? How can you?
- What would be the hardest thing to give up if Jesus asked? Is that an idol?
- Sometimes idols creep in on our life. Is anything crowding out Jesus?
- What has Jesus demanded from you?
- Does money present a danger to you? How do you know? Has money ever led you into sin? Discuss.
- How can you protect your heart from the dangers of money?
- Why is it important that we understand salvation as something God accomplishes, rather than merely a decision or moral improvement we make?
- How does seeing Jesus as our greater treasure change our relationship w/ money, possessions, status, & security?
- What would it look like this week to live as though "we will always have Jesus" is actually enough

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?