

Discussion Guide

The Rich Young Ruler

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PART 1: RECAP. HAVE SOMEONE READ THIS OUT LOUD.

Last week we saw how Jesus shows there is a different way of living that aligns us with who Jesus calls us to be, and points us to God's original intent for marriage. This week we will see how money and possessions can be a barrier against our relationship with God.

- Do you enjoy being around children, or do you intend to avoid them? Why?
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PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ MARK 10:13-31 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.

- Why do you think the disciples wanted to keep the children away from Jesus?
 - How does the man's question in verse 17 compare with what Jesus has just said in verse 15? What were his assumptions about how one gains the kingdom?
 - How was Jesus showing love to the man by challenging him about his wealth? Why do you think Jesus left out the commandments concerning God?
 - Why do you think the disciples were amazed by Jesus' statement in verses 24-25? Why is it difficult for the rich to enter the kingdom of God?
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PART 3: REFLECT. DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.

- Are you more like the children or the man in approaching God? Why?
 - What has helped you to see the impossibility of earning the kingdom of God? In what ways have you learned to receive the kingdom as a gift?
 - What does money mean to you? Do you find money to be a barrier or a tool to serving God?
 - What in your life could Jesus point to as something that is preventing you from receiving the kingdom?
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PART 4: MEMORY VERSE

Mark 10:27

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God.

For all things are possible with God."

PART 5: NEXT STEPS

- I am thankful that Jesus gave up everything.
- I will pray through what I need to give up to follow Jesus more closely.
- I will live my life in a way that says Jesus is more valuable than anything.
- I will seek to trust God more than anything else.

