

THE GOSPEL OF
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The Rich Young Ruler
Mark 10:17-31

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Characteristics of the Rich Young Ruler

1. He was _____.
2. He built his _____ on what he could do.
3. He was _____ in his achievement.

Core issue with the Rich Young Ruler is

_____.

Growing a grace based dependent faith.....

1. Be _____ . (Mark 13:32-34)
2. Check your _____ about money and _____.
3. _____ whatever is more important to you than Jesus.
4. _____ that Jesus is _____ .
(Mark 10:29-31)

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Sermon on May 19, 2024

Getting to Know Me

1. Growing up, was there something you took great pride in doing, being or achieving?

Digging Deeper

2. What new insight or information did you learn from hearing Pastor Matt's sermon this Sunday?
3. Read Mark 10:17, Matthew 19:16 and Luke 18:18. How is the man described as he approaches Jesus in these passages? Why do you think he called Jesus a "Good Teacher?"
4. Read Mark 10:18. Using your Bible, Google, or a reference Bible, find other passages that refer to God's goodness. Take some time to share with each other. How does this help you understand more of God's character?
5. Read Mark 10:19. Now read Exodus 20:2-17. Notice that Jesus did not refer to the first through fourth commandment. If he had, do you think the man could have responded that he followed all the commandments since he was a boy? Why or why not?
6. Read Mark 10:20-21. We see Jesus respond to this young man with love. What actions did Jesus tell the young man he needed to take? What did he lack and which of the commandments do you think these were directed at?

7. Read Mark 10:22. What response did the young man have? What was his barrier to receiving eternal salvation?
8. Read Mark 10:23-27. Why do you think the disciples were amazed? What is your response to this teaching?
9. Read Mark 10:27-31. What is impossible with man and how does God make it possible? What is promised to those who follow Christ? What must we endure? What is your response?

Making it Personal

10. Reflect on this passage and consider how you relate to the Rich Young Ruler. What areas do you rely more on yourself than on God? How might God be asking you to surrender them to him?
11. Answer this question: I cannot picture living a happy life without: _____ . Is there an area of my life I have excluded God? How can my motivation in this area be selfless?

Prayer

O Lord, my God, help me to trust you with my decisions and future. Help me to give up control over my life and trust you. Let me lean on you with all my heart instead of relying on my own imperfect understanding. Give me clear guidance in my life, Lord. Help me to let go of what I am holding on too tightly to. As I submit myself to you, help me remember your love and mercy and great sacrifice for my eternal salvation. Amen.

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6. He was DECEIVED in his achievement.

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SELF RELIANCE.

Growing a grace based dependent faith.....

5. Be CHILD LIKE. (Mark 13:32-34)
6. Check your HEART about money and ACHIEVEMENT.
7. SURRENDER whatever is more important to you than Jesus.
8. TRUST that Jesus is BETTER. (Mark 10:29-31)