

# LEADER DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Spring 2022

Week of January 16th

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Men's Gathering: Monday, July 31st, 6:30pm
- Equip classes begin on Sunday, January 23rd, 5-6:30

### DISCUSSION FOCUS

Read (Primary Text): Mark 10:17-31

Supporting Texts: 1 Peter 3:18, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Mark 8:34-37, Matthew 13:44-46, Philippians 2:12

### MAIN IDEA:

A life committed to Christ leads to eternal life, and eternal life with Christ is all that really matters in the end.

### OBSERVE

Read Mark 10:17-31

What does the rich young ruler ask Jesus to receive? *Eternal Life (v. 17).*

After the man claims to have kept all the law, what does Jesus tell him he must do? *Sell all he has to give to the poor and then follow Jesus. (v. 21).*

What does Jesus promise to those who give up the world's comforts to follow him? *That they will receive back 100 fold and inherit eternal life. (v. 29-30).*

### INTERPRET

What's important about Jesus' statement that no one is good but God alone? *While the rich young ruler claims to have kept all the commandments, the Bible makes clear that no one does. The only way to be a law keeper is to have God's righteousness imputed to us through Christ. (1 Peter 3:18; 2 Corinthians 5:21).*

What does the young ruler's response in verse 21-22 show about where his commitments and love were? *The man loved his wealth more than he loved God. He was only committed to seeking God when it was easy.*

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How does Jesus show that a life committed to him is the best life, even if it's difficult? *It is the life that is committed to Christ that leads to eternal life. (v. 30). And eternal life is all that will really matter in the end. (Mark 8:34-37; Matthew 13:44-46).*

### RESPOND

How does this passage convict you about the ways that you put other things before Christ?

How do verses 29-31 encourage you in the face of the cost of following Jesus?

### APPLY

How do we go about becoming more committed to Christ? 1) *Recognize that God is in the business of changing our desires - remember verse 27- "with God all things are possible."* And 2) *recognizing that following Jesus will take hard work on our part. (Phillipians 2:12).*