

VOICES

LEARNING FROM OTHERS



VOICES IV DISCUSSION GUIDE

Every summer Doxa welcomes preachers from other places to come challenge and encourage our church. This year will be our fourth time hosting a Voices series and we are expectant that this year's line up will be refreshing for our church!

VOICES: WEEK THREE - **Shepherding Camels**

Text: Mark 10:17-27

Ross Lester expands on the story of the rich young ruler by addressing the difficulties, the value, and the stewardship of wealth. Just like the rich young ruler, wealth can be an obstruction to following Jesus and a genuine relationship with God. *"How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"* God's blessings, especially wealth, can become Idols that steal our focus and purpose when we don't actively steward them.

Are we using our wealth to build our kingdom or God's, to find value or the One who gives value?

Unless we recognize our spiritual poverty before God, we will be unable to steward God's blessings for His kingdom. *"With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."*

Read: Mark 10:17-27

1. In love, Jesus calls the rich young ruler to give up his wealth in order to follow Jesus. What does this tell us about the character of God?
2. God has given us many different gifts in order to work along side him in sharing the gospel. In what ways has God empowered you with wealth?
3. Often times we put our faith in blessings rather than the God who has given them. In what areas of your life have you put your faith in something other than God?
4. When we place our faith in our gifts we warp our understanding of our true identity and value. How does finding our value in the gospel allow us the freedom to steward what God has given us?
5. Jesus tells the rich young ruler to give his money to the poor and follow Him. How can we more actively steward the wealth God has given us to build His Kingdom, and not our own.