

Summit Woods Baptist Church
First Corinthians Sermon Study Equipping Class

Mark 10:17-27

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Mark 10:17-27.

¹⁷And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

1. List everything you learn about the man who kneels before Jesus in this passage.

2. What does the man want to inherit?

3. In verse 19, how does Jesus answer him?

4. Look at Deuteronomy 5:6-21. Which four commandments does Jesus not list?

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5. How would you categorize the four commandments Jesus leaves out in one single category? (Hint: Those four commandments concern his relationship with _____.)
6. How would you categorize the six commandments Jesus lists in one single category? (Hint: Those six commandments concern his relationship with _____.)
7. How does the man respond to Jesus?

❖ Day 2

Read Mark 10:17-27 again.

8. Jesus says that the man is lacking something and gives him a command. What is he supposed to do when he goes?
 - a. What is he supposed to do when he comes back?
 - b. What does Jesus say the man will have if he obeys?
9. How would these actions relate to the commandments that Jesus did not list?
10. What is the man's reaction to Jesus' words?

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11. Read Mark 8:34-36. How does this relate to the man in our passage?

12. Read Matthew 6:19-21. How does this relate to our passage?

13. Read Jesus' explanation of the parable of the soils in Mark 4:14-20. Which of the soils describes this man?

14. Based on the man's reaction to Jesus, what is he treasuring?

15. What is Jesus saying that he needs to treasure instead?

16. Verse 21 says that Jesus "loved him," and yet Jesus' answer to the man is extreme. How does Jesus' interaction with the man demonstrate His love?

❖ Day 3

Read Mark 10:17-27 again.

Over the course of the last several hundred years, various men have tried to soften Jesus' statement in verse 25 by trying to change the word 'camel' to 'rope' (they are one letter different) or to say that 'the eye of a needle' described a small gate for pedestrians in the city wall that a camel might

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squeeze through on its knees. Both of these proposals have been consistently dismissed by scholars. The word for 'rope' they proposed did not exist until the 5th century, and the 'gate' story was first proposed in the 9th century, with no historical evidence to support the idea.

17. Based on the disciples' reaction in verse 26, what are they understanding Jesus to say?

18. Is Jesus saying that it is impossible for a rich person to be saved?

19. How can wealth be a hindrance to treasuring Jesus?

20. Is Jesus saying that there is nothing that would hinder a poor person being saved?

21. According to verse 27, how necessary is it for God to act in salvation?

22. Look at verse 28. What is the difference between the man's response and the disciples' response to Jesus' call to follow Him?

23. How does this passage impact the way you think about and approach evangelism?

In preparation for Sunday, pray for three people who need to follow Jesus. Pray that God would do what is impossible without Him.