

Sermon Questions

Turning Down the Investment of a Lifetime

Mark 10:17-31

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CONNECT:

- If your house caught fire, what material possessions would you be most likely to grab?

GROW:

- Read Mark 10:17-31. How would you describe the young man's attitude when he first comes up to Jesus?
- What is his question? Notice Jesus' response, what does Jesus point out to the young man immediately, prior to answering his question? Why do you think Jesus leads with that?
- According to verse 20, what does the young man obviously think about himself?
- Notice the man's response in verse 22. What do you think he had wanted to hear from Jesus? What does Jesus infer about the man's goodness? Where was the young man's highest allegiance? What does this say about his relationship with God (as per Matthew 6:24 – and see also Exodus 20:3)?
- Even poor Americans are rich in comparison to most people in the world. Why is it difficult for the rich to enter heaven?
- As per Mark 10:27, it is impossible for people to be good enough to be saved. So where does a person get the "goodness" that he/she needs? And what is the only way they can obtain it? (see Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:4-6)
- What promise does Jesus give Peter and the disciples about those that leave house, siblings, parents, children, lands to follow Jesus? What is the *condition* at the end of verse 29 for the promise? In what way is the promise fulfilled even in this life (see Mark 3:33-35 and Acts 2:46-47)?

GO:

- What is the most difficult thing for you to let go of in order to follow Jesus? How are you doing with that?

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1. God commands us to worship Him alone. (Exodus 20; Mark 10:17-31). "Idols" abound, and they are more than figurines that are prayed to.

Idols are anyone or anything that we allow to be more important to us than God Himself. Idols can include truly good things/people—if we have allowed such things/people to be above our allegiance to God. For some, idols can be: family, spouse, children, grandchildren, recreation, job, social media, political persuasion, academics, friendships, substances, beauty, influence, possessions, and/or wealth.

2. God commands us to love, not only those who love Jesus, but even those who do not (Mark 10:21; John 3:16).