

MISSIONAL GROUPS

Where Your Treasure Is
November 2
Mark 10:17-27

WELCOME – Potluck – Sharing a meal together. Icebreaker questions with group members to connect with one another relationally and get everyone comfortable with sharing.

- Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion)

What's keeping you from fully trusting Jesus?

WORSHIP - *after dinner* - to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion

- Join in singing a worship song:
- (found on this link: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11393450>)

WORD - Facilitate discussion using the guide below and to consider how the sermon applies to our lives

Focus: A Divided Heart

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¹⁷ As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some things in our lives that can quietly take the place of God on the "throne" of our hearts? How can we recognize when something good has become an idol?
2. How can we show Christlike love that speaks truth — even when it may be uncomfortable or challenging for others to hear?
3. What does it look like in your life to follow Jesus when it costs you something — whether in time, money, comfort, or reputation? How have you seen God's faithfulness when you've obeyed at a cost?
4. The sermon reminded us that God is no one's debtor — we never end up with less when we surrender to Him. In what ways have you experienced that truth personally or seen it in others — that when we give generously, God provides abundantly (not always materially, but spiritually or relationally)?

WITNESS: Joining Jesus in His mission

In response to what you learned about today, discuss and reflect on the following questions:

Money can subtly compete with Jesus for our trust. Discipleship may mean letting go of what we hold too tightly. What is God challenging you in your heart and what we learned about being mindful of things we need to loosen our grip on?

Based on what I learned today what are some ways that I will live differently?

How will I apply these scriptures in my day-to-day life?

Take time to pray for each other that God would help us understand completely trusting God.