

Study Guide

Mark 10:17-31

Theme: The rich are called to be radical.

1. Do you consider yourself to be rich? Discuss.
2. Read Mark 10:17-22. Why do you think rich people have a hard time really believing? Why do you think Jesus gave this man such a radical answer (v.21-22)?
3. Read Mark 10:23-27. How do riches affect us (see 1 Tim. 6:17; Matt. 6:24)? How does Jesus do the “*impossible*” in our lives?
4. Read Mark 10:28-31. Describe how Jesus blesses us when we are willing to give things up to follow Him?

Application

What is God calling you to do today?

1. Reminder- Was this a good reminder for you?
2. Radical- Is God calling you to a more radical approach to following Him?
3. Repurpose- How can I use my business/talents for God’s kingdom?

Good indicators for me:

1. How is your devotional life? (*Regular and intimate*)
2. How is your giving? (*Spontaneous, strategic and sacrificial*)
3. Do you ever pray for opportunities to share your faith?
4. What occupies you? (*Comfort, fear or risk*)

Message Slides

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I. The "Good" Game (v.17-22)

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.

Radical (v.21)

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II. The Impossibility (v. 23-27)

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."

A. Are we rich?

B. How do riches affect us?

1. Self-sufficiency!

1 Tim. 6:17

"As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy."

B. How do riches affect us?

1. Self-sufficiency!

2. Replacement!

Matt. 6:24

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

C. Is there hope for us? (v.25 & 27)

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III. A Better Outlook (v.28-31)

“Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” “Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, “who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. “But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

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For Reflection Time: *Reminder or Radical?*

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