

## ✦ week 9: A different kind of wealth - mark 10:17-27 —

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.”

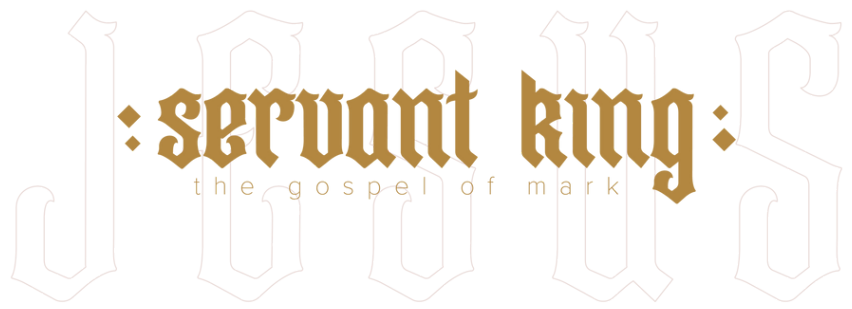
22 At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

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.”



## ✦ personal study sheet

**DIRECTIONS:** Use the questions below to spend time in Scripture, dig deeper into the weekly sermon message, and to worship and pray. Each day, begin with prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you learn and apply what you read. Then, read **Mark 10:17-27** and answer the day's questions.

### ◆ DAY 1: FOCUS ON PEOPLE AND THEIR NATURAL, WORLDLY TENDENCIES

- The man asked Jesus, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” What are some of the things you thought you needed to do to gain eternal life? When Jesus mentioned the Commandments, the man claimed to have followed them all. In what ways do you also tend to see yourself as “good?” \_\_\_\_\_  
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- The disciples were amazed in Verse 24 and then even more amazed in Verse 26. Why do you think they react this way? How does their response challenge our ideas about who deserves to be saved and how they achieve it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- One of the points of Pastor Dave’s message involved being blinded by wealth. We all need some form of income to survive, but how would people recognize if they have been blinded by it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- How does the rich young ruler's response to Jesus' command to sell everything and give to the poor reflect how people commonly react when faced with things that come between them and God? Can you share any examples from your own life? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### ◆ DAY 2: FOCUS ON GOD, JESUS, HIS PLAN, AND EXAMPLE

- Instead of just answering the question, Jesus focuses on the word “good”. In the Greek, this word is “agathos” and it is also found Matthew 12:34-35, Luke 1:53, John 10:11, and John 16:7. Describe how the word “good” is used in these passages. What was Jesus ultimately asking the man about his use of the word “good”? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Verse 21 says, “**Jesus looked at him and loved him.**” Why is this significant - especially after giving such a difficult command? How does knowing that Jesus loves us, even when he rebukes or challenges us, affect our understanding of his teachings and our relationship with Him? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Jesus instructs the man to sell his possessions, give to the poor, and then follow him. Why didn't he just say to the man “follow me” like he previously told the disciples? What does it mean to have “treasure in heaven” according to verse 21? How does this idea challenge our usual view of wealth? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### ◆ DAY 3: APPLICATION

- How can we prevent wealth from blinding us to spiritual truths and hindering our connection with God? What practical steps can we take to keep our trust focused on God instead of on material things? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Thomas Chalmers talks about the "expulsive power of a new affection," suggesting that a deep love for Christ can displace our love for money. Pastor Dave shared a few examples from his own life. What are some practical ways YOU can cultivate a deeper love for Jesus in your life? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Do you need to sell your possessions to get treasure in heaven? If not, how else do we acquire treasure in heaven? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### ◆ DAY 4: WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Listen to the song or read the words of the hymn **A Child of the King** and meditate on **Psalm 27:4-5** in a time of worship and prayer.