

March 5, 2017
Luke 18:18-30

TRANSFORMATION: THE RICH YOUNG RULER ENCOUNTERS JESUS

I. Introduction:

Have you ever had a tough decision to make?

The Rich Young Ruler: Luke 18; Matthew 19; Mark 10

II. Unpacking the Passage:

A. God Made You With A Hunger To Know Him

“Good teacher, What must I do to inherit eternal life?”
Verse 18

B. Jesus Challenges You At Your Point of Resistance

22When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." **23**When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth." Luke 18:22-23

C. God Can Do What Is Impossible For You

24Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! **25**Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." **26**Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?" **27**Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." Luke 18:24-27

III. Conclusion and Application:

- What is holding you back from following Jesus Wholeheartedly?
- Have you received God's gift of eternal life?

POINTS TO PONDER
Week of March 5th to 11th
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Open It

1. *What is the best example of "materialism" that you can think of?
2. In what ways would your life change if you lost all you had, including your job?
3. What do you think of "the American dream"?

Explore It

4. What did the ruler ask Jesus? (18:18)
5. What does the wording of the ruler's question reveal about his attitude? (18:18)
6. How did Jesus respond to the ruler's question? (18:19)
7. Of what did Jesus remind the ruler? (18:20)
8. What does the ruler's response to Jesus reveal about his character? (18:21)

9. *What did the ruler lack? (18:22)
10. Why did Jesus advise this man to sell all he had, especially when He did not require this of others? (18:22)
11. *How did the ruler respond to Jesus' instructions? (18:23)
12. How did the man's wealth interfere with his eternal salvation? (18:23)
13. *What was the rich man's problem? (18:24-25)
14. How did Jesus' listeners respond to Jesus' harsh words? (18:26)
15. What did Jesus reveal about how a person can inherit eternal life? (18:27)
16. What did Jesus teach about sacrifice? (18:29-30)

Get It

17. What prevents people today from following Christ?
18. Why did Jesus tell the rich man that "no one is good—except God alone"?
19. How did the rich man's money hurt him?
20. How can money interfere with our commitments?
21. *How do you need to change your attitude toward money or your financial practices?
22. *What specific sacrifice do you think Jesus would ask of you if you asked Him, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

23. How might a person leave "home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God"?
24. What person you know has left "home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God"? How?
25. What rewards could someone who left home for the kingdom of God expect?
26. What difference does it make to you to know that you will receive great eternal rewards for the sacrifices you make for Christ during this lifetime?

Apply It

27. *What is one sacrifice God is calling you to make?
28. How can you remind yourself of the benefits of following Christ each day?