

PREACHING CURRICULUM

SIMPLY FOLLOWING JESUS – MARK 10: 17-31

WHEN WEALTH GET A HOLD ON YOU

Reread Mark 10:17-31

'...are you letting your now, hinder your future...'

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Why does Jesus delay in answering the man's question?

What do Jesus' questions reveal about what is truly "good"?

What can we do to enter the kingdom of God?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Jesus points out this man's stumbling block. What is yours?

What part of your now are you holding onto?

Are you better described by CFL or OHL (close fisted living or open handed living respectively)?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

Do you ever try to list or stack up your own moral qualifications?

The ruler gave up his future (even after seeking out Jesus), to save his now. What holds us back from receiving Jesus free offer of salvation?

Ownership is the enemy of stewardship. Spiritually we own nothing. Are you willing to drop everything you are holding onto so tightly in the now, so that you can follow Jesus through eternity?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Insert your name for the rich young ruler: What must I do to receive eternal life?

'...when we have nothing; we get it...'

Will you embrace your lack of goodness, or recommit to understanding your own desperate need, so that God can do the impossible for you?