

## Discipleship and Wealth Mark 10:17-31

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### NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual  
Study or Group Discussion\*



- Read Mark 10:17-31. In verse 21, before Jesus says “you lack one thing,” he looks at the man and “loved him.” Why do you think Mark includes this detail, something that Matthew and Luke, in their accounts of this same encounter, do not include? Do you have a hard time or an easy time believing in Jesus’ capacity to love us even when we are lacking?
- Does this passage indicate wealthy people can follow Jesus? Why or why not?
- How does this passage inform your understanding of eternal life, inheritance, and the kingdom of God?
- In verse 22, the man walked away from Jesus sad. Have you, or someone you know, ever walked away from Jesus because his instructions seemed too demanding? Have you, or someone you know, ever received Jesus’ instructions with elation and joy at the prospect of freedom and a closer walk with God?
- In this passage, a love of possessions is identified as a barrier to being a disciple of Jesus. What are other barriers that keep men, women, and children from potentially following Jesus? Spend some time in prayer, asking God to give you an increase in generosity, equanimity about your status, and freedom from idols.

**For Family Discussion:** *The disciples wonder, “who can be saved?” in v. 26. They realize that you can’t do something (like have all the money in the world or give away all your money) in order to be saved. How can we be saved? Spend some time listing all the things you’re thankful for, including God’s salvation and unconditional love for us.*

\*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.