



Small Group Discussion Guide

"The Gospel of Mark"

Week of April 15, 2018

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- II. Today, let's pick up our reading in Mark, Chapter 10. Read [Mark 10:17-22](#). What impresses you about this story? The text says that Jesus loved this man. He seemed like a righteous and sincere Jew. Did Jesus turn him away? Why do you suppose the 10 Commandments were not enough? Why did Jesus center in on his riches? Should we be ready to give all our wealth away too? Explain your answers.
- III. Now read [Mark 10:23-27](#). What is the meaning of a camel passing through a needle, and why is it so hard for the wealthy to enter God's kingdom? How does Jesus pacify the disciples? In what sense is your salvation impossible for you, but possible for God? Note [Romans 3:21-28](#).
- IV. Finally, read [Mark 10:28-31](#). What exactly is Jesus trying to explain in this passage? In what ways are we paid back a hundred times more in this life? And, what about persecution? Is this promise meant for the early disciples or for us as well? Any examples?

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