

Mark: Keeping You Out

Mark 10:17-31



1. What insight, observation, or question do you have from this week's reading plan?
2. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
3. Think of something that you really wanted. What were you willing to sacrifice to get it? Why were you willing to sacrifice so much for that?
4. When you think of someone who's got it all, what kinds of things would that person have?
5. Read Mark 10:17-31. What all did the young man have? How much of your list aligns with what he had? What was he still lacking?
6. What did Jesus ask him to give up? Why was that so hard? We all make great sacrifices for a better life; what does the man's response to Jesus show about what he thought of a life with Christ?
7. Read Mark 10:13-16. Why is the kingdom of God for those who are like children, yet the rich man is on the outside?
8. Life with Christ, eternal life, comes at a great cost; it means we give up holding on to that which we think will bring us life. What in this life are you tempted to hold on to too tightly, as though it will give you the good life? (Any of the things listed in 10:29?)
9. Read Matthew 13:44. What do this parable and the story of Abraham going to sacrifice his son have in common (Genesis 22)? Pray for each other that you desire the one thing - God and life with Him - more than the many things that you are tempted to chase for in life.