

FOLLOWING JESUS

A STUDY IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

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Mark 10:17-27

The Rich Young Ruler Had Some Good Qualities

1. He Was _____

2. He Was _____ A Lot Of _____

Receiving And Doing - Mark 10:13-31

The Rich Young Ruler Had Some Wrong Ideas

1. No One Is _____ But _____

2. Doing _____ Won't Get Us To _____

The Big Idea

Christianity Isn't A _____ - Based _____

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Memory Verse

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- ☐ Today for the first time stop trying to earn my way to heaven by *doing* and *receive* God's free gift of eternal life.
- ☐ Memorize Romans 6:23
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2. He Was Doing A Lot Of Things Well

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The Big Idea

Christianity Isn't A Performance - Based Religion

Christianity Is A Grace - Based Relationship

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Discussion Questions - Week #7

LIFE GROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, "Receiving and Doing," summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

Name something that you are really good at doing.

The sermon this weekend focused on the story of the rich young ruler. Of those three characteristics: rich, young, ruler, which do you think is most appealing in our culture today and why?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. What are one or two things that stand out to you from this passage?

How does Paul underscore the point that "No one is good but God"?

If good things don't get us to heaven, what does Paul suggest does get us to heaven?

How have you experienced the truth of this passage in your own life?

How might the truth that you are "God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works" impact how you live your life?

2. In the message this weekend, Pastor Rick shared that Christianity is a grace based relationship. One scripture passage that shines light on this relationship is Psalm 139. Read the passage together. In light of this text, what do you think God thinks about when God thinks about you?

How does it feel to be so thoroughly seen and known by God?

Why do you think some people might want to flee God's presence (v.7)?

Are there any questions this passage raises with you?

While we will never know God as we are known, what is a practical step you could take to know God more deeply?

FOR PRACTICE

One of the essential habits we must pursue as Christ followers is prayer. Of course, that includes petitionary prayer, but prayer is much more than giving God our grocery list. In the book *Sacred Rhythms*, Ruth Haley Barton suggests, "Prayer means letting God's creative love touch the most hidden places of our being and prayer means listening with attentive, undivided hearts to the inner movement of the Spirit of Jesus." Did you catch that? Prayer means creating space to listen to God's voice. If you told me that you have a relationship in which you're the only one who ever talks, I might suggest you have an unhealthy relationship. If there is one thing we need in our day, it's to hear God's voice! Consider setting aside time this week to practice listening prayer and allow God to participate in the conversation.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

In times of emergencies and disasters, including the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, Sudan, and Ukraine, children inevitably bear the heaviest burden. Please pray for places with critical humanitarian needs, where daily struggles for basic necessities affect children, families, and communities. Pray for God's provision and protection of the most vulnerable and the restoration of peace.