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## An Encounter with Jesus!

Mark 10:17-27

This true story is also found in Matthew 11:16-30 & Luke 18:18-30)

- 1. What do you think motivated this man to ask Jesus his question? Why?
  - a. He was testing Jesus.
  - b. He was sincerely looking for truth.
  - c. He was feeling self-righteous and was looking for affirmation from Jesus.
  - d. Other...
- What did Jesus mean by His reply, "Why do you call me good? No one is good – except God alone?"
  - a. Take a good look at who I am.
  - b. I am not good.
  - c. Your only hope for goodness is to rely on God.
  - d. Other...
- 3. Why did Jesus confront the man with the Commandments instead of inviting him into the Kingdom first? How does this truth still apply today?
- 4. In verse 21, why did Jesus look upon this guy with Love?
- Jesus asked the man to sell all his possessions and give the money to the poor because Jesus knew:
  - a. The poor needed the money.
  - b. As long as the man was rich, he would not be able to trust God.
  - c. The man's god was his money.
  - d. Other...

- 6. How is it possible to be rich and still be a follower of Christ? Explain...
- 7. What does this story say about "success"? What would you say is your greatest success outside of money and work?
- 8. What holds you back from totally following Jesus? How?
  - a. Desire for wealth.
  - b. Apathy.
  - c. Pride.
  - d. Habits or temptations.
  - e. Doubts and issues.
  - f. Fear of being labeled a fanatic.
  - g. Other...
- 9. What did today's Scriptures reveal about Jesus?



- 10. What difference does this make in your life, RIGHT NOW?
- 11. What do you think about the idea of at least weekly asking God to nudge you about someone you need to follow up on?
- 12. Are you/we willing to take this step of obedience?

Close out this time by sharing and praying for one another.

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Partnering together to love God, love people, and make disciples!