



## Kingdom Come: The Rich Ruler

LUKE 18:18-30 | APRIL 16 & 17, 2016

This week focuses on the Parable of the Rich Ruler out of Luke 18:18-30. The parable (short story with a big point) identifies some key themes including generosity, self-examination, Jesus' challenging call to each one of us and a host of issues around money, identity, security and greed.

### WITH THE GROUP



#### LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

If you were given a million dollars to invest in a cause, non-profit, or ministry, what would you hope your generosity would accomplish or impact?



#### LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

What is it that the ruler was seeking from Jesus and what did Jesus' answer have to do with the ruler's request?

Is Jesus' answer to the ruler an answer for everyone? How did you feel about the answer Jesus gave the young man?



#### LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What part of the message challenged you or helped you understand God's love in a newer or fresher way?



#### LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

2 Corinthians 13:5 says, "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless indeed you fail to meet the test." Mike described that part of our faith journey is to continue to examine ourselves and consider our heart and our journey in light of Jesus' love for us. What do you suspect you'd notice about your life, your faith and your journey in this examining of yourselves?

As a small group share insights that you believe reflect Jesus' or the Bible's teaching on money and wealth? What passages, stories, or Biblical concepts support what you are saying? If you can't think of any, perhaps your leader can share some verses for you to read together and consider?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

To what extent are you having interactions with people are not yet Christians? When you interact with them, do you vary what you say according to the specific character and needs of the person you are connecting with? What is the message you share about Jesus and life with Jesus when you are reaching out to others?

#### GRADUATE LEVEL

How is your life demonstrating growth in your view of resources, possessions, money, generosity and freedom? Do you take steps to grow in these areas? Do you feel sacrificial in the way you live? Have you challenged yourself to do experiments in contentment and simplicity? What are ways that you can learn freedom and generosity?