

Sermon Discussion Questions - March 8, 2020

Scripture Q's

Read the passage from Sunday's sermon to refresh your memory: Mark 10:17-31

- What is the young man's question? How would you describe his posture/attitude throughout the interaction?
- How was he trying to discover eternal life (v. 20) and how does Jesus correct him (v. 21)?
- How does the young man's response to Jesus' calling (v. 22) compare to the disciples' response (v. 28)?
- Verses 23-27 seem to be the central portion of this section of Scripture. How would you summarize it?
- How does Jesus answer the original question in v. 29-30?

How does this passage comfort, encourage, or challenge you?

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Rules can't save you! Following the rules without following Jesus misses the point.

- How do you sometimes miss the same thing the young man did and let "Jesus-less", rule-following creep into your life? (See also: Galatians 3).
- (Remember—Jesus looked with *love* in v. 21. He has compassion!)

"True faith equals radical generosity," and, "Generosity is the heart of the gospel."

- What do these ideas (taken from the sermon) mean?
- How does God's generosity enable us to be generous ourselves?
- *Are you generous like God? Where can you grow in generosity?*

What does it mean to hold our blessings from God with an "open hand"?

- See Job 1:21-22. What principle does Job display here?

How do you make decisions with regard to your *time*, *talent*, and *treasures*?

- Taking each category in turn, are you acting more as a *steward* or as an *owner*?
- Where do you need to make a change?