

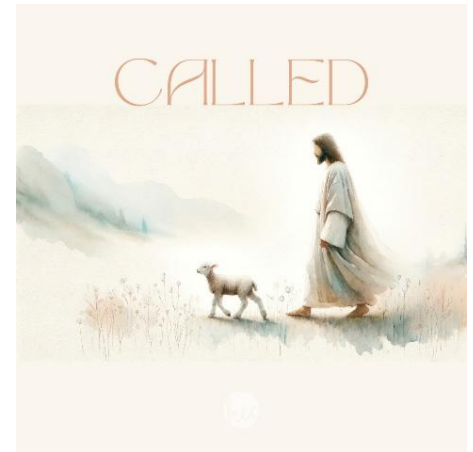
# Life Group Study Notes

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Sermon:** **When Riches Rob you of Jesus**

**Speaker:** Brigitte Crowe

**Scriptures:** Mark 10:17-31



## Scripture Questions:

1. V17. What specific posture and language did the man use when he approached Jesus? Why would you see him as being genuine as opposed to the trick questions the Pharisees used, in Mark 10:2?
2. “Good Teacher. What must **I do** to inherit eternal life” Why is this the wrong with this question when it comes to salvation and eternal life? Why did Jesus deflect the question with, “there is no one good except God alone” What does this reveal about Jesus?
3. How does the man’s claim of keeping the laws reveal his self-righteousness? Do you think he kept the first commandment? Matthew 23:37-38.
4. V21. What **emotion** did Jesus feel right before giving the ultimate command? Why does knowing that Jesus loves us, make us more willing to accept his challenge, even if it seems to us, very difficult?
5. What is the **one thing** that this man lacked? Why did Jesus challenge this rich young man to sell his wealth and not many of the other rich people who followed Jesus. E.g. Joseph of Arimathea, Matthew, Joanna, Zacchaeus etc.
6. V23. Why is it harder for a wealthy person to come to Jesus and rely fully on him? V25. What analogy did Jesus’ use describe the difficulty of rich people entering Heaven? V26. Are you amazed like the disciples?
7. V 27. Are you encouraged by Jesus words in relation to the wealthy entering the Kingdom of God. Why?
8. V30. What is Jesus referring to here, with “receive hundred times” How is he not promising wealth to all who have left everything to follow him? What does he mean by the serious note Jesus adds “with persecutions” Have you experienced persecutions?

## Personal Questions:

- What obligation, or what possession, is getting in the way of you following Jesus?
- Does your current lifestyle reflect selfish ownership of your wealth or open-handed stewardship of the wealth God has blessed you with?
- Is God challenging you to practice sacrificial uncomfortable generosity?

Watch the song sung by Vanessa again on YouTube.

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## Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that everything we own belongs to You. Forgive us for the times we have allowed Your financial blessings to crowd you out, our provider. Give us the courage of true disciples to hold our wealth with an open hand and grant us the faith to trust Your provision above our bank accounts. Help us to become people who are generous, compassionate and Kingdom minded. May we care for one another, serve one another and follow you with wholehearted devotion. In Jesus' name, Amen.