

MESSAGE NOTES: Self-Sacrifice

Matthew 19:16-17

Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what **good** thing must I do to get eternal life?" ¹⁷ "Why do you ask me about what is **good**?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is **good**. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

Matthew 19:18-20

"Which ones?" he inquired. Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, ¹⁹ honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'" ²⁰ "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?"

Matthew 19:21-22

Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²² When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

- **Matthew 6:24**

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

- **Ephesians 5:5**

For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Matthew 19:23-26

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Matthew 19:27-30

Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?"

²⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first."

Faith Group Questions

1. Share some truths that stuck with you from the message.

2. Read Matthew 19:16-24. What was the main sin that kept the rich man from being all in?
 - a. Read and mediate on Psalm 19. Ask the Holy Spirit to do a moral inventory of your life and ask him to reveal any hidden or willful sins that are holding you back from trusting in him completely.

3. Read Matthew 19:25-30. What does Jesus say about being "good enough" and what is the good news that you take from these verses?

4. What can your group pray for?