**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. October 24, 2021**

**Inquiring Minds Wants To Know**

Mark 10:17-31

**Key Truth:** Following Jesus changes everything our identity, our priorities, and our eternity.

**Is Jesus Having A Bad Day?**

1. Jesus doesn’t accept the man’s superficial complement.

2. Jesus defined good from God’s standpoint.

3. Did Jesus say all rich people were going to hell?

4. Does Jesus require us to sell all our possessions to follow

Him?

**The Rich Young Ruler’s Dilemma**

1. His wealth still couldn’t satisfy his spiritual hunger.

2. He believed his moral upbringing would warrant salvation.

3. His identity was in his wealth not in God.

4. He valued his possessions more than eternal life with Jesus.

**Truths To Live By:**

1. Material wealth doesn’t equate to blessings from God.

2. Trusting in wealth will hinder your relationship with God.

3. You never lose when you choose Jesus above everything else.

4. Salvation is only made possible with God.

5. Total surrender is what Jesus demands of us.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls**: Ask God to reveal anything you might be clinging to for significance other than a relationship with Jesus. Surrender to Jesus as the true source of life and peace.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

This weekend we studied the story of the rich young ruler. From the outside, it seems the man has it all together. He is rich (a sign of blessing in the Jewish culture), he has a humble approach to God, and he seems to follow the law. Jesus, knowing his heart, gives him a shocking response. What do the verses below teach us about our hearts and priorities as followers of Jesus?

Matthew 7:21-27

Luke 14:26-27

Read about Zacchaeus’ encounter with Jesus (Luke 19:1-9). What similarities do you see between the rich young ruler and Zacchaeus’ story? How are their steps of obedience different?

1 Timothy 6:6-10: These verses are often misquoted in Christian circles. Is money something to be seen as evil? Why or why not? What is at the heart of the issue Paul is addressing?

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19: What instructions does Paul give to the wealthy Christians? How can we apply those instructions to our life?

Read Mark 10:23-31: Does what you consider a blessing match up with how Jesus defines blessing?

Read Philippians 3:1-10: How does your perspective of works change when you learn that you already have God’s acceptance?

Why does Satan love to trap us in a performance-based approval mentality?