

# Sunday Sermon Questions • 6/8/2025

## Mark 10:17-31

### Reflection on the Rich Young Ruler

What does the story of the rich young ruler teach us about the dangers of placing wealth or possessions above God?

### Understanding True Goodness

Jesus asks, "Why do you call me good?" Why is recognizing God's goodness (the fact that He is perfect) so important for our faith and salvation?

### Relationship with God vs. Religious Acts

The young man claimed he kept the commandments since childhood. Why is outward obedience not enough without a genuine relationship with God?

### Surrender and Sacrifice

Jesus told the ruler to sell all he had and follow Him. What might it look like for us today to surrender everything to Jesus? Are there areas in our lives where we hesitate to give control to Him?

### Faith and Transformation

How does Jesus' response to the young ruler challenge our understanding of what it means to truly follow Him?

### The Disciples' Perspective

Why do you think Jesus calls the disciples "children" in this passage? What does this reveal about His approach to teaching them about salvation?

### God's Power to Save

Jesus states, "With man this is impossible, but not with God." How does this verse give you hope in your own walk with Christ?

### Personal Application

Can you share a time when you had to make a difficult decision to fully surrender something to Jesus so that you might be able to follow Jesus? How did that experience affect your faith and relationship with Him?

## Prayer Prompt:

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word and for the challenge it presents to each of us. We confess that at times we have allowed possessions, comfort, or other idols to take the place of You in our hearts. Lord, we ask for Your Spirit to reveal any areas where we need to surrender more fully to You. Help us to trust that true life is found in following Jesus wholeheartedly. Give us the courage to let go of what hinders us and to embrace the abundant life You offer. Strengthen our faith, renew our hearts, and remind us that nothing is impossible for You. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.