

Message Notes

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Message Outline

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Desire

Dissection

Disappointment

Declaration

Desperation

*That Jesus did not command all his followers to sell their possessions
gives comfort only to the kind of people to whom He
would issue that command.*

Growth Group Understanding Questions

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1. Read Matthew 19:13-26 again. Examine the flow of the larger context. How do 19:1-12 flow into 19:13-14? How do 19:13-14 contrast with 19:16-30?
2. What does this rich man desire? Find and list the 4 different ways this thing is talked about or phrased in this passage.
3. What does the rich man seek? How is he seeking it? Why does Jesus take him to the law? How is Jesus dissecting his heart?
4. Read Exodus 20:1-17. Which of these commandments does Jesus mention? Which does he not mention explicitly, but implicitly?
5. Read Galatians 3:22-24? Can law keeping save us? Can we keep it? If not, why does God command it? What is the purpose of the law?
6. Explain how and why this subtle passage forces us to think and kind of leaves us hanging? What does this passage have to do with the Gospel?

Growth Group Application Questions

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1. What was most challenging or new in the text/message this week?
2. How does what this rich man wants differ from what folks want today? Why don't we think about the matter that this rich man is thinking about?
3. What kinds of things do we "do" to try and earn God's favor? Why do we think these things will be sufficient? What don't we understand? Why do we slip into this even as believers?
4. Why were the disciples so surprised by Jesus declaration? What misunderstanding is being dismantled?
5. Does this passage tell us all to go and sell all our possessions to follow Jesus? Why does Jesus tell this man to do that? How do we generalize the principle without defanging this text?
6. So, how does a camel pass through the eye of a needle anyway?
7. Why does Jesus leave us desperate in this passage? What does he want us to see?