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Seeing & Hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Small Group Questions — The Week of June 27, 2021

Sermon Overview: When the rich man eagerly approaches Jesus to ask what he must do to inherit eternal life, he is not anticipating that he will leave the conversation with great sorrow. Jesus exposes the one thing that will keep him from the Kingdom, and the rich young man feels the cost. But he focuses on the wrong cost. The cost of giving up the very thing that will keep him from heaven is greater in his mind than the cost of not inheriting heaven. This is sad! Through this encounter, Jesus offers warnings to the rich. We constantly need to hear His warning. The power of riches to give us false security is not a battle we win once. It's a constant war against and within the soul. Jesus teaching on this subject causes the disciples to be exceedingly astonished. They feel the impossibility before them—"Who then can be saved?" Jesus answers the question, "With man, this is impossible. With God, all things are possible." It's true! Praise God. But so is the warning—"It's hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom." We need this warning. Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to see anything in you that is a false security and to do the impossible—save us from ourselves.

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-31

1. What is significant about how the rich man approaches Jesus?
2. Why is it hard for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God?
3. What is the warning?
4. Why is it important for us to continue to reflect upon this warning?
5. Where do you see grace in this passage?
6. What are you tempted to put your security in?
7. What might Jesus be exposing in you that would make you sad to let go of?