

# *Dollars and Sense*

**A Good Place to Start – October 8, 2017**

## **Scripture Text**

Mark 10:17-31

## **Connect**

If you were given \$1,000 to spend on anything this week, where would the money go?

What did God teach you during the message this weekend? Did anything in particular stand out?

## **Engage**

### **Read Mark 10:17-31**

Why did the rich young man ask the question in verse 17? What might he have been missing in his life?

Jesus quizzes the man on only a partial list of the Ten Commandments (see Exodus 20). How well might the man have obeyed the ones relating directly to God?

What did the man believe about his character and obedience to God? Look again at verse 18. How has Jesus already answered his question?

By choosing wealth over a loving relationship with Christ, what was the man gaining? What was he giving up?

Is Jesus telling us we must sell all we have in order to follow him? What is the problem he is dealing with here?

At the time of Christ, wealth was believed to be a sign of God's special favor, which helps understand the disciples' shock in verses 24-26. How is wealth perceived today? How are wealthy people treated? Is choosing a life of poverty a sign of righteousness?

Why is it so hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven (vv. 23-35)? On what basis is it possible for anyone to receive the kingdom?

According to verses 29-31, what might you lose by following Christ? What will you gain?

## **Apply**

What action steps do you need to take this week to move from trusting money to trusting God?

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