

LIFEgroups

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Go around and let everyone answer...

What would you say is your most prized possession?
What would it take for you to give it up?

DIG

Jesus encountered a rich man who was unwilling to make the kingdom of heaven more important than his belongings. Afterward, he gives the following instructions to his disciples. Read these verses:

Matthew 19:23-26 "...it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven... but with God all things are possible..."

Why is it more difficult for wealthier people in our society to follow God?

What thing is highlighted in this passage as "possible with God" that people cannot do on their own?

In what ways have you seen people try to get to heaven on their own?

Read the next verses:

Matthew 19:27-30 "...many who are last will be first."

What kinds of things do you think Peter gave up to follow Christ?

What do you feel like you have given up in order to follow Christ?

What did Jesus mean when he said the "last people will be first" in heaven?

APPLY

What in your life makes it hard for you to serve God the way you want?

Take time to pray for every person in the group to be free from anything that is holding him or her back spiritually.

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Leaders

Sermon Series

This discussion guide comes from the current lesson in a series from the Gospel of Matthew. This series focuses on Matthew's message that Jesus is King over all things.

Big Idea

This lesson from Matthew 19 shows that your spiritual and eternal rewards will be far greater than anything you must give up to follow Christ now.

Group Discussion Reminder

Take time periodically to let participants tell how they have seen God at work in their lives. Then celebrate together.