

**LESSON 5: A LESSON ON DISCIPLESHIP**

Scripture Reference: Mark 10:17-27

**OBJECTIVE:** Construct a better view of being a disciple that resembles Jesus that shows forth the character of Jesus every day.

**INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?**

What do you think discipleship is? When you hear someone say, “we have a discipleship ministry, what comes to mind?” Or when you hear, “Mr. A is over discipleship at our church?”

Choose from the following:

- 1. A disciple who is getting on boat?
- 2. A disciple who is on a journey?
- 3. A disciple is someone on a journey with Jesus?

One word to consider when thinking about discipleship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lesson Focus**

**Scripture Reference: Mark 10:17-27**

This scripture refers to the story of the rich young ruler (Luke 18:18) who comes to Jesus. Matthew refers to ruler as a young man (19:20) For a moment lets think for a moment: What is typical mindset of a rich person?

**I. Disciples Live for Eternal Life vs. 17**

The Ruler asked Jesus, “Good Teacher” a question?, “What shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

**QUESTION:** What is eternal life?

Write a sentence, pertaining to eternal life from the following scriptures:

I John 5:11-12: \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 10:9-10: \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 6:23: \_\_\_\_\_

John 11:25: \_\_\_\_\_

John 3:36: \_\_\_\_\_

Write a definition for Eternal Life:

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Do you think the Ruler was reaching out to Jesus because he needed more out of life? If so, what did he need that he didn't have as a wealthy person?

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Have you ever been at a point in life when you felt you needed more? What was it that you needed?

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**QUESTION:** What was the Ruler's view of Jesus?

VS. 18 Jesus said, Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

Scripture Reference: Psalm 100:5

Was Jesus denying He was good or affirming He was good?

## II. Disciples Live Responsibly

**Scripture Reference: 10:19-20**

The Ruler makes a Claim for Moral Living

VS. 19 The commandments, which refer to human relationships.

1. Do not murder
2. Do not commit adultery
3. Do not steal
4. Do not bear false witness
5. Do not defraud
6. Honor your father and your mother

VS. 20 What is the Young Ruler claiming when he says, "Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up?"

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**QUESTION:** What's the difference in doing the *right thing versus doing the wrong thing*?

**QUESTION:** Just because he makes that claim, does that make him a disciple of Jesus?

### III. Disciples Follow and Obey

**Scripture Reference: Mark 10:21-22**

Vs. 21 Jesus felt a love for him

Jesus gave him an assignment because he still had something –

1. Go and sell all your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven and come,
2. Follow me

**QUESTION:** What did the Ruler still lack: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruler – owned much property

What sin would you say the ruler suffered from which would prevent eternal life?

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What can we do to make sure that we do not suffer from this sin?

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### **CONCLUSION:**

When all come to Jesus with so much potential, however unlike the Rich ruler, we should not leave in a worse state than when we came. Matthew 19:22, says he left “grieving.”

What is the definition for discipleship: