

**Gospel of Matthew “Treasure in Heaven”**  
**Matthew 19:13-20**  
**October 28th 2023**

Matthew 19:16–22 ESV

And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

A sincere question

Jesus points him back to the 10 commandments

What do I still lack?

Mark 10:21

Jesus looked at him and loved him

Matthew 19:23-30

**23** And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven.**24** Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”**25** When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” **26** But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” **27** Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” **28** Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. **29** And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. **30** But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

Who Can be saved?

Matthew 19:13–15 ESV

Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” And he laid his hands on them and went away.

It's not what you left behind, it's who you love.

He lacked treasure in heaven.

Tim Keller quote:

When you meet the real message of the gospel, you always find ... always find ... two things that are shocking. It demands more than you thought, and it offers more than you thought. When you meet the real Jesus, you'll find he wants much more from you than you ever thought, and he offers far more to you than you ever dreamed .

Jesus is the treasure

1 Peter 1:3-9

**3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **8** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,**9** obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 2:9-10

**9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. **10** Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

You belong to God

### **Grow Group Discussion Questions**

- 1.) What Did God say to you through His Word during our Sunday morning Gathering?
- 2.) What is the rich young ruler in the passage searching for? What are things in our world that people look to to make them feel secure? What are things you look to for security and to allow you to know you have “life”?
- 3.) How does Jesus’ response point us to the truth that He is God?
- 4.) Jesus is bringing this man to the end of himself. How have you seen the Lord do this in your own life?
- 5.) What’s one story you think back to when God was kind to you in this way? What did this man lack? What is interesting to you about his self awareness? How does Jesus respond in Mark's gospel encourage you?
- 6.) Why do you think the man went away sad? Is there anything God is currently calling you to give up that is leading to sorrow?
- 7.) Jesus says “Nothing is Impossible with God” when referring to salvation. Who in your life might you have given up on? How might this scripture encourage you? (maybe for self-reflection)
- 8.) How do we enter the kingdom according to Matthew 19:13-15? Why is this challenging?
- 9.) What’s the best gift you have ever received? How did you respond when you received it? Is receiving Hard or easy for you? Commit to receiving the Kingdom of God like a child today
- 10.) How does Jesus being our treasure and him treasuring us inform how we should live our lives?
- 11.) How can your Grow Group help you live out the truths of this passage?

Prayer: “Jesus allow me to treasure you, and help me trust that you treasure me.”

