



## Mark 10

Mark 10:17-22

-A guy runs up to Jesus and asks him how to have eternal life

-How can we have eternal life?

-Be perfect, which no one can be

-So, we must trust Jesus as our savior

-John 14:6

-Jesus doesn't tell this guy to trust him, why?

-He knows the guy has some issues that are going to hinder him from trusting Jesus

1) prideful

-Jesus lists a bunch of commands and the guy says he's kept them all

-He didn't have a proper understanding of how perfectly good God is and how imperfect he is

-He needed good redefined for him

-Jesus isn't saying that he isn't good or isn't God. He simply wants to define good correctly

\*He didn't really want an answer from Jesus. He just wanted Jesus to verify him

\*Do we at times seek advice from others or the Bible only to verify what we already think? Or do we let God speak into us and change our thinking?

\*We need the humility to know we need a savior and we need help on a regular basis

2) he had stuff keeping him from Jesus and he couldn't let it go

-Jesus confronts this guy about his love of things

-Notice though that Jesus does it in love

-He wasn't trying to attack the guy, he was trying to help

-His love of things was causing him to miss the greatest blessing in the world

\*Remember this is God's disposition to us

\*Sometimes God challenges us with tough sayings and tough times but it's for our growth and benefit

\*Also, when we see others making wrong choices we should be seeking to help them not attack them (Ephesians 4:15)

the guy is unwilling to give up his pride and unwilling to give up his stuff and misses the chance to know Jesus

-it is not a sin to have money and things. it is a sin when that money and those things become the priority in your life

\*are there things in our life that are keeping us from connecting with Jesus like we could be?

\*not that you aren't saved but could you know Jesus and his joy better if you removed some distractions

\*biking for me

Small Group Questions

1) What is the standard for good?

2) Do you ever feel like you are trying to earn God's favor?

3) What is something that is hindering you from being as close to Jesus as you could be?