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**Entry Fee**  
**Matthew 19:16-26**  
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## Using This Study

### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

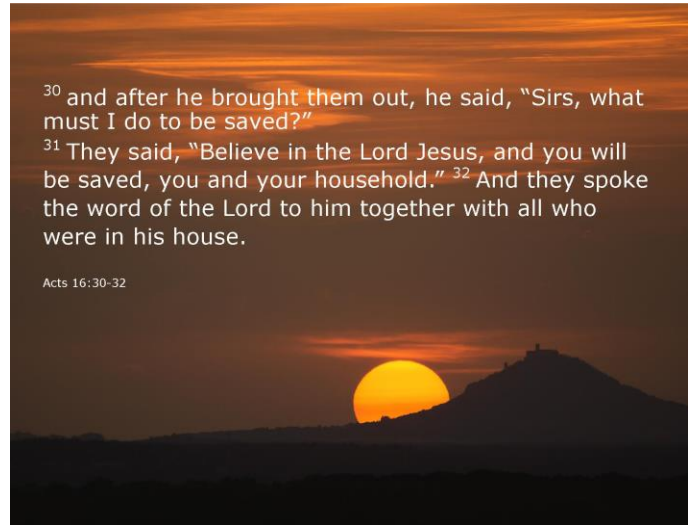
### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

<sup>30</sup> and after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

<sup>31</sup> They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house.

Acts 16:30-32



This week we continue to look at selected teachings of Jesus in the book of Matthew as we approach Easter. This week's section is about a rich young ruler who came and asked Jesus what he needed to do to inherit eternal life. There is a major flaw in the young ruler's question. He believes he must DO something good in order to enter into heaven. Jesus would have known the problem in the question before the young man even asks it. However, He does not point out the flaw in the question right away but instead reveals the young ruler's heart. It is the condition of the heart that is most important. Not everyone must sell all they have in order to be saved. But when we value our treasure on earth more than we trust the Lord we are in a dangerous position. Join us this week as we talk about what Jesus is teaching through this passage. What is He really asking us to do?



## The Rich Young Ruler

<sup>16</sup> And someone came to Him and said, “Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?” <sup>17</sup> And He said to him, “Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is *only* One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.” <sup>18</sup> *Then* he said to Him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER; YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL; YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS; <sup>19</sup> HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER; and YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.” <sup>20</sup> The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be complete, go *and* sell your possessions and give

to *the* poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” <sup>22</sup> But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to His disciples, “Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup> Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>25</sup> When the disciples heard *this*, they were very astonished and said, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>26</sup> And looking at *them* Jesus said to them, “With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. In verse 16 what is incorrectly assumed in the question?
  
9. What do you find interesting about how Jesus responds in verse 17?
  
10. Do you think the young ruler knew the commandments? If so why did he ask the questions to Jesus?
  
11. Is it possible that the young ruler had kept all the commandments?
  
12. If he had kept all the commandments then why did he feel like he still needed to do more to enter into heaven?
  
13. Why is it harder for a rich man to enter into heaven?

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. Do all people need to sell what they have and give it away in order to go to heaven?

15. How do we get to heaven?

16. The parable teaches us that our life should be about serving God not justifying ourselves?  
What can you do this week to serve the Kingdom of God?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

**Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...**

*Sermon Notes*