

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Summer Series

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Memory Verse: Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word to lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: Following Jesus requires sacrifice

Read Mark 10:17-27

1. The man who approaches Jesus is asking a big question about eternal life. What big questions do you have about faith? Who do you discuss them with?
2. When Jesus quotes a portion of the Ten Commandments, the ones He shares are the commands related to our relationships with others. Why do you think Jesus chooses these? How are you doing with these core tenets? Is there one or two that are really challenging for you?
3. Why is there hope and freedom in recognizing that we are not “good”? What shortcomings do you need to acknowledge and own so that you can release them to God?
4. When Jesus interacts with this man, it says that He loved him. What are your feelings toward those who are seeking to know more about Jesus and Christianity?



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Are you making time to build relationships with those who do not know Jesus?

5. Jesus' response to the rich man's question challenges the man to sell his possessions and follow Jesus. How does this challenge resonate with you? Have you ever felt a call from God that required significant sacrifice?
6. In what way can material wealth be a blessing from God? In what way can material wealth be a distraction and deterrent from following Jesus? Do you ever struggle with the tension of wealth as your source of security instead of seeing it as a result of God's blessing?
7. Looking at your own life, are there areas where you might be clinging to possessions or priorities that are hindering your relationship with God? How can we discern the difference between healthy possessions and those that become burdens? How can you begin to let go of the burdens and follow Jesus more closely?
8. What practical steps can we take to ensure that we place value on eternal things and not merely on material things? What is one distraction you can set aside from your routine this week to help you concentrate more on devotion to Christ?



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