

SETTING UP THE STORY

As Jesus traveled toward His fate in Jerusalem, he was asked a lot of questions, such as:

- When will the kingdom of God actually come?
- Will you have mercy on us and heal us?
- Will a lot of people be saved, or just a few?

As we come to this passage today, we see that Jesus is asked yet another question – perhaps one of the most important questions anyone could ever ask.

But, before we read about this question (and Jesus’ very important answer), let’s take a moment and ask ourselves a question: **“Do I think I’m a good person?”**

As you think about your answer, remember that this is not a question of whether or not you’re better than the worst person you know. When you’re thinking about this question, you should be thinking about whether or not you’re “good” according to God and the rules He has set for us to live by.

Pause and give everyone a few moments to consider.

It’s likely that most people in the world would give a resounding “Yes!” as their answer to this question. In fact, just a few years ago, a study showed that 81% of people think humankind is “inherently good,” and about 75% of people believe they’re a good person at their core.

Our answer to the question of whether or not we’re a good person is more important than we could ever fully know because it determines whether or not we think we actually need Jesus to save us.

READING THE WORD

With that question in mind, go ahead and read Luke 18:18-30.

DISCUSSING THE WORD

Use the questions below to discuss the passage you just read together.

For families with kids (up to 5th grade)

1. What’s something that makes you sad? Why do you think the rich man in this story was so sad about having to give away all of his stuff?

2. What are things in your life that might distract you from loving Jesus more than anything else?

For adults and students (6th-12th grades)

1. Why is it so difficult for rich people to be saved?
2. If the rich man had kept the commandments Jesus listed, what was keeping Him from following Jesus and being righteous?
3. What are things in your life that might be competing with Jesus as your greatest treasure?

FAMILY WORSHIP SONG

[All Sufficient Merit - Shane & Shane](#)



LIVE SENT: SHARE THE GOSPEL

It's time to move conversations beyond surface-level engagement. This week, you'll begin (or continue) proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Spend some time praying for the right moment to talk about Jesus openly with this person in your life. Then, make time for this conversation to happen. Simply put, share the Gospel with this person this week!

As you talk to them, don't forget to keep asking questions about what they believe about God, Jesus, and the Bible. Be curious and honest, and don't be afraid to speak the truth of the Bible!

CLOSING BLESSING

Speak this blessing over your family/group to close:

May God be your greatest treasure, and may you always be covered in the goodness of Jesus Christ. Amen.