

> MAIN SCRIPTURES: Mark 10:17-22 NIV

MAIN POINT: Jesus is the greatest thing we could ever run after.

JESUS CONNECTION: The world tells you to run after your fame. Jesus

says to run after Him.

LEADER CORNER

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to desire to run after Jesus' fame instead of their own.

BACKGROUND TO SCRIPTURE

In Mark 10:18, when Jesus asks the rich man, "Why do you call me good...No one is good except God alone." Is Jesus saying He isn't good? In fact, that is what Islamic scholars claim. Jesus isn't saying that, but understanding the context and mindset that each person brought to this conversation helps clear up why we can firmly claim that.

The rich man entered the conversation seeing Jesus as "teacher" not as "Lord." Jesus is confronting the rich man's mindset and inviting the man to see Jesus not just as "Good Teacher" but fully as "Lord." Or in other words, "If you already see me as a good teacher can you not take the next step of faith to see me as Lord?"

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

FLIPPED

ONE MOMENT WITH JESUS CAN

CHANGE EVERYTHING.

GET THEM TALKING

Who are some of your favorite celebrities and why are they your favs?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are things the world tells us we should chase after?

READ MARK 10:17-22 and answer the following questions:

- 2. In your own words, what is happening here?
- 3. Describe the man talking to Jesus. What are some things he had going for him?
- 4. How does Jesus feel about this man? (HINT: look at verse 21)
- 5. Why couldn't the man follow Jesus?
- 6. What are some things that hold us back from keeping God #1 in our lives?
- 7. How can we surrender those things to God?
- 8. What are ways we can keep God as #1 in our lives?

NEXT STEP

Two tangible ways we can pursue God are:

- Spending time with God.
- Spending time with people who pursue God.

Let's brainstorm together:

- 1. What are different ways we can spend time with God this week?
- 2. What are different ways we can spend time with people who pursue God this week?

Pick one way to pursue God and set an action goal for yourself this week to pursue God. Share it with your group. (Or maybe have your students break into groups of 2-3 and share their goals with each other.)

PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students to share their prayer requests and close your time together in prayer.

MAIN SCRIPTURES

Mark 10:17-22 NIV

"As Jesus started on His way, a man ran up to Him and fell on his knees before Him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.""

²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," He said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth."