

ROAD RULES

Mark 10 records four events in the life of Christ that Jesus turned into teaching moments, summarizing each story with a simple statement. These statements contain essential principles for Christian living ... they are the rules of the road for anyone wanting to live in God. This series will help us learn about a life of grace, a life of faith, a life of service, and a life without limits.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Mark 10:17-31**. Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important. Why are they important?
2. Summarize **Mark 10:17-22** in your own words.
 - a. What do you think about these commandments and the ability to keep all of them?
 - b. What was the young man's reply?
 - c. What answer would you need to give to Jesus' question?
3. Re-read **Mark 10:21**. What do you learn about Jesus' attitude toward people? Is that our attitude toward others?
 - a. What did Jesus ask the man to do? Does He ask this of everyone? (*Hint: He targets our "security blanket"*)
 - b. What would the man receive instead of the money that he would have given to poor people?
4. Summarize **Mark 10:23-27** in your own words.
5. Express **Mark 10:27** in your own words. What should you do because of what Jesus is teaching here?
6. Summarize **Mark 10:28-31** in your own words.
7. Considering **Mark 10:29-31**, suppose that someone leaves things in order to follow Jesus. What good things will come to that person? What bad things will come? When will those things come? What are your personal thoughts on this?

MOVING FORWARD

Jesus' statement greatly amazed the disciples. They carried it to its logical conclusion: If it is impossible for a rich man to enter God's kingdom, Who then can be saved? Jesus offset their concern by declaring that salvation is impossible with men—beyond their human merit or achievement—but not with God. It is not beyond His power to bring about because all things necessary for people's salvation—rich and poor alike—are possible with God. What people cannot effect, God can and does by His grace. Who, within your sphere of influence, needs to hear this particular story of hope?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

²⁷ Looking at them, Jesus said, **“With men it is impossible, but not with God, because all things are possible with God.”** **Mark 10:27**