

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“What was one of your favorite games to play when you were a child?”* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. The passage we are looking at today is about how Jesus responded to a young man who wanted to know what good things he needed to do to inherit eternal life. This man was a devout Jew who must have worshipped God every Sabbath and did the good things that good Jews were supposed to do.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage three times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get three people to read **Mark 10:17-22.** **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
 - What does coming and asking Jesus about inheriting eternal life show about this man?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - Jesus’ first words are very important. He said, “Why do you call me good? Only God is good.” Jesus was God the Son, so He was really speaking of Himself. How did Jesus’ being the only truly good man who ever lived open the way for us to inherit eternal life?
 - This devout Jewish man wanted to know what he needed to do to get into heaven, so Jesus listed some of the commandments. Which of these commands do you think this man had probably disobeyed at some point in his life?
 - It may seem like Jesus was being very hard on this man, but verse 21 says Jesus loved him. How was Jesus showing love by saying “sell everything, give to the poor...and follow Me”?
 - How do you think the man should have responded to Jesus?
 - How do you think Jesus wants you to respond to Him right now, today?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this:
“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?” [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

Closing Prayer.

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

** If there are no new people, you can skip the “icebreaker.”*
*** Reading from different translations often helps.*