DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Matthew 19:13–30

Read through the passage together before you begin.

1. In verse 16, the young man asks, "What good deed must I do to inherit eternal life?" Compare that with the Pharisees' question in verse 3. How are they different? What does each reveal?
2. Before Jesus says, "If you would enter life, keep the commandments" (v. 17), he reminds the man that "there is only one who is good." Is Jesus being sincere? What does he want the man to see?
3. Compare the commands Jesus lists in verses 18–19 with the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1–17) and Leviticus 19:18. What is included and what is left out? Why might that matter for this man?
4. The young man asks, "What do I still lack?" (v. 20), and Jesus calls him to sell everything and follow him (vv. 21–22). What is the one thing in your life that might keep you from following Jesus?
5. Why are the disciples astonished (v. 25)? When Jesus says, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (v. 26), what does he mean, and why does it matter?
6. In verses 27–30, Jesus describes the cost of following him and the reward that follows. What is the cost? Is the reward worth it? Why or why not?
7. If eternal life is God's gift and not our good deed, what would a life of gratitude look like with your time, treasure, and talents? What holds you back?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

As a group, thank God for the salvation we have in Christ, and ask him to show you where you need to trust him in your life.