



Group Discussion Guide: With Jesus On-On-One | February 6, 2022

Begin with prayer (5 minutes).

As you begin, pray to open your time together.

Split into three or four mini-groups for Scripture and reflection (20 minutes)

In this sermon, Dan spoke of Jesus' one-on-one interaction with the Rich Young Ruler from **Luke 18**, focusing on how we should not let money (or anything) take the priority in our lives that Jesus deserves.

For the next few moments, take some time to reflect on this in smaller groups:

- Do money or wealth ever have a pull on you?
- How do you deal with that pull?
- Do you ever feel like the pull is so strong that it hinders you from fully following Jesus?
- What other things keep you from fully following Jesus?

As your time in these smaller groups comes to an end, take a few moments to pray to God to break through any strongholds that keep your group from being fully focused on the Lord.

After your allotted mini-group time is finished, have everyone circle back up in one big group to share their insights.

Come back together as a large group. Read Luke 18:18-30, go over the sermon, and share your thoughts and insights (35 minutes).

- How did your mini-group discussions go? What sorts of things rose to the surface from those conversations?
- What is one thing from this message that challenged you or deepened your faith?
- **Read Luke 19:1-10.** What stands out to you about the Rich Young Ruler? Does anything surprise you from this passage? Does anything challenge you?
- If Jesus came to you and said, "One thing YOU still lack..." and then you had to fill in the blank...what would that thing be? Why?
- If Jesus approached you and said the exact phrase he uttered to the Rich Young Ruler, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Would you be able to do it? How do you feel about your answer and what that says about your relationship with following Jesus?



- Take turns looking up and reading the following passages. After reading each one, ask yourself how they compare to and expound upon the theme being iterated in Luke 18 about money and wealth. Then ask, “How should God’s people live in light of these passages?” Look up **Proverbs 23:4; Ecclesiastes 5:10; Matthew 6:19-24; Luke 12:15; 1 Timothy 6:9, 17; Hebrews 13:5; James 5:1-6.**
- Have you ever had a moment in your life where Jesus asked something of you but because you didn’t want to give anything up, you had to walk away “sad?” Share about that time.
- What is God inviting you to *do* after sitting with a sermon and a text like this?

Split into gendered accountability groups (15 minutes).

Throughout this series, we’ll create space each week to have accountability with one another. This will provide each person a more intimate and hopefully safer space to share where they might struggle. Here are a few questions to guide this time after you split out from one another:

- In full transparency, is money an idol for you? How can this group help you in putting boundaries up so that money isn’t your sole focus in life?
- If not money, what other things have their grip on you that are keeping you from being fully surrendered to the Lord?
- What has your time in Scripture and prayer been like recently?
- Who are you trying to bring to Lord? Who can this group be praying for?
- How can this group pray for you right now?

Finish by praying over and for one another.

Come back as a large group and finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes).

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone’s prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?
- Pray especially this even for ALL the life groups at The Creek – that each group might be unified, bold to share their faith, and grow in the relationship with Jesus, and attentive to God’s Holy Spirit.

Have someone close in prayer.