

## Inheriting Eternity: Study Notes

### Sermon Notes:

#### Passage: Mark 10:17

-inherit and what must I do, are kind of oxymorons. They don't really fit together. We inherit because we are, not because of what we have done.  
but when we are his children, He calls us to act like His children.

#### Passage: Mark 10:18-19

- There were two kinds of commandments. things that effected your relationship with other humans and those that was more connected to your relationship with God.  
Jesus is pointing to the former. Jesus is coaxing him down a road he isn't expecting.

#### Passage: Mark 10:20-21

-we know through Jesus other teachings that Jesus is looking for more than just a surface following of these commands. He will push you further and is looking at the heart more than the surface. Jesus is looking for more than a checkbox.

-In the midst of this mans pride and self righteousness Jesus loved him.

-Jesus took him further down his own path. "So you want to find fulfillment and salvation by *doing* for God? Then here, *do* it all."

-what are the idols in our lives? He will find the road blocks in our lives and point them out.

#### Passage: Mark 10:22-26

-The disciples were amazed because in their thinking it was the rich that had it all together. It was their prosperity that pointed to the fact that God must be blessing them because they were doing it right.

-our tendency is to create idols of our stuff. That is why we are so amazed at how peaceful people can be in third world countries. We are amazed at how much they love and trust God in the midst of their poverty.

#### Passage: Mark 10:27, John 6:27-29

-That eternal life isn't a one time transactional event. He wants to give us that eternal life every day. It was from Jesus that we receive that life. true life.

-I think that this is also a bit of a warning if we think we have it all figured out. We tend to want to make the idea of salvation into a formula. Making sure we get our ducks in a row and it takes the mystery out of it. Salvation and what Jesus has done for us is an amazing mystery that when we think we have it figured out, we probably don't.

#### Passage: Mark 10:28-31

-our sacrifice ultimately is gain. Jesus promises us that reward in the world to come. How we live now affects things in the world to come

-He promises us reward, he also promises us persecution.

**Some Take Aways:**

**1. We can't do enough**

-we fall into that trap at times being confident in ourselves. Justifying ourselves.

**Philippians 3:3-4,7**

**2. Jesus has done what we can't do**

**3. Jesus wants to help us remove our barriers.**

## Life Group Discussion

(feel free to use any or all of these questions)

**Warm Up:**

1. If you had a 5 minute sit down conversation with God and could ask Him anything knowing you would get an answer, what would you ask?

**Study & Discussion:**

Read together: Mark 10:17-31

1. How do you personally balance the idea of inheriting eternal life based on what you do versus who you are?
2. Read **Ephesians 2:8** together. How is Paul's view of salvation the same or different from this story you are reading about Jesus?
3. It is obvious that Jesus is pointing out the one personal road block in this young man's life that is keeping him from following Him (riches). If Jesus were to point out the one road block in your life what would it be?
4. Jesus points out the fact that it is hard for the rich to enter the kingdom of God. Being the fact that we in Canada are "the rich" he is talking about. What are some concrete things we can do to make sure that those rich's don't get in the way of us entering the kingdom of God?

**Prayer:**

1. Is there someone outside the group you would like prayer for today?
2. Is there an area of your life that you would like prayer for today?