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| **SERIES** | Discipleship 101 |
| **BIBLE** | Mark 10: 17-31 |
| **TITLE/TOPIC** | (Rich Young Ruler…)  Selling Out to Follow Jesus |
| **OVERVIEW** | Sincere faith is tested through obedience and sacrifice. Many people today claim commitment to Jesus Christ, but when they are challenged to give up all other objects of affection, many walk away. Jesus loves us enough to call out our idols. And when we turn from lesser gods to trust Him, He does the impossible by saving us and filling our lives with His grace, His riches, His reward. |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | **The most important question from a sincere heart: “What must I do to have eternal life?” (17) *17****As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”*  **The most common response: a works-based salvation. “I have treated people right and been good enough for eternal life” (18-20).** ***19****You know the commandments: …* ***20****“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”*  **Jesus’ loving correction is an invitation to discipleship (through repentance). (21-22) *21****Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”*  ***22****At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.*  **Salvation by works is a human impossibility. But with God, through the gracious work of Jesus, nothing is impossible – you can be saved! (23-27)**  ***27****Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”*  **True discipleship through repentance will include suffering and bring abundant rewards. (28-31) *28****Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”* |
| **GOSPEL** | How does this sermon bring people to the Gospel?  Jesus uses the law to show us our need for His mercy and grace. Jesus calls us to repent from trusting lesser gods, to release our hearts from any earthly treasure, and find our fulfillment in trusting and following Him. |
| **NEXT**STEPS | Begin | Connect | Engage | Grow | Disciple  Begin – repent from loving the things of this world and trust in Jesus for salvation  Grow – evaluate your collection of “stuff”. Does it have a hold on you? Is it limiting your ability to follow Jesus. |