

Welcome

Here are two suggested questions to start the session:

“If God offered one thing right now, what would you ask for and why?

Or

“What is something you’ve found hard to give up (even if it was a good thing)?”



Worship

Read Psalm 16.5-11 together

Or

Sing *I Surrender all*

Word

1. Read Mark 10.17-31 as a group and pause. Before you begin the study turn to small groups and summarize the story to the person next to you. What stands out to you?
 - a. If you like, ask the four questions:
 - i. Where is God?
 - ii. Where are we?
 - iii. Since this is the word of God, what do I need to change in my life?
 - iv. Who am I going to tell about this?
2. How does this man understand the faith differently to his contemporaries?
 - a. Read vv17-20. How does this man see beyond his requirements?
 - b. Jesus loved this man (v21), what similarities might you draw between this man and King David (a man after God’s own heart)? *Allusion Tool*
 - c. How might you seek after God’s heart? *Who am I? Tool*
3. In the Old Testament wealth is a sign of God’s blessing (cf. the promise of the Holy Land, Job’s life, Proverbs 10.22), yet it is the poor man’s prayer that is heard by God (cf. Psalm 24.6 for example). How does this passage bring together these two things?
 - a. What are those with blessing called to do? (cf. The Promise to Abraham) *Context Tool*
4. This is the only man who goes away from Jesus sorrowful. What was the difference between him and the disciples?
 - a. What would this look like in my life? *So What? Tool*



Witness

Discuss in your group “What is the hardest part of discipleship for you?”
Encourage each other to make a concrete resolution about this part of your life.

