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WEALTH & DISCIPLESHIP  
MATTHEW 19:16-30

Introduction

The Question: What Must I Do?

The Solution: Surrender Everything

The Choice For Us

Conclusion

*A disciple of Jesus is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed** to the **mission** of Jesus. (Matthew 4:19)*

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### Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. We said that only 12% of Americans FEEL wealthy, including 29% of millionaires. We said that the reason for this is that when we have a lot, we just want more. Have you ever experienced this pull of wealth that keeps us wanting more?
2. We said that some of us struggle with self-sufficiency BECAUSE of our affluence, and some of us struggle with self-sufficiency because of our relative poverty (whether this is material, moral, relational, etc). How do you see your own struggle with self-sufficiency? (Feeling like you can take care of yourself because you're a good problem solver or high achiever OR feeling like you need to take care of yourself to clean yourself up before you go to God)
3. How have you seen the reality of the danger of wealth?
4. We said that Jesus' invitation in Matthew 19:21 was the WAY this man could be freed from his imprisonment to his wealth:
  - a. Go (take action TODAY- don't wait)
  - b. Sell your belongings (get rid of what you're too attached to)
  - c. Give it to the poor (serve others instead of yourself as an act of repentance)
  - d. Come follow Me (submit to Jesus' Lordship over your life)

Spend some time sharing with each other how these steps might be helpful to you whether your idol is wealth or something else.

5. Pray for each other as you surrender whatever idols are competing for the throne in your heart that you would keep re-submitting yourselves to Jesus daily and accepting His invitation to dethrone these idols.

### Discovery Bible Study Method for Groups or Individuals

(for more information on this method of Bible study- see <https://www.dbsguide.org/>)

**1. Talk:** To begin the study, each person answers these questions:

- What are you thankful for?
- What is causing you stress?
- Who needs our help? How can this group help them?

**2. Look Back (session 2+)**

- Retell story from the previous meeting.
- What did you do differently because of this story?
- Who did you tell and what was the reaction?

**3. Read & Re-tell**

- One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retells the passage by memory, if possible. Others can fill in what is missing.

**4. Look**

- Read the passage again.
- Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.

**5. Look again**

- Read the passage once more
- Discuss what this passage says about humans
- Discuss what this passage says about being a disciple of Jesus

**6. Inside me**

- According to this study, what am I doing well?
- What do I need to change?

**7. Who else?**

- Who needs to hear this story?
- How can I tell them?
- Who can I invite to study the Bible?

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