



## Sunday Bible Study Guide | November 30, 2025

### Weekly Memory Verse

*Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."*

Luke 18:27

## Sermon

*Eye of the Needle - Pastor Jared Herd*

Pastor Jared led us through the conversation between Jesus and the rich young ruler in Luke 18. Jesus puts his finger on the rich young ruler's trust in his wealth, the very thing preventing him from truly loving and following God. By comparing this account with the humble response of Zacchaeus in Luke 19, Pastor Jared invited us to see where our heart is trusting in something or someone else before Jesus. He asked these three questions at the start of his message:

- What does Jesus say to the rich young ruler?
- What does Jesus say to Zacchaeus?
- What would Jesus say to you?

Scriptures: Luke 18:18-27; 19:1-10.

## Mixer

1. What was your first job? What was something you could afford to buy with your first job's pay that made you feel like an adult?

## Sermon Recap & Prayer

Pray together. Read today's scriptures aloud as a group.

## Discussion Questions

Observation: What does the passage say?

1. After reading Luke 18:18-27, what might Jesus be implying to the rich young ruler by saying, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone"? What does the title "Good Teacher" reveal about this man's view of Jesus and his view of his own good works?
2. After reading Luke 19:1-10, how is the heart of Zacchaeus different from the heart of the rich young ruler?
3. What is more shocking in these passages? 1) The fact that the rich young ruler can live a seemingly good moral life by society's standards, have a lot of wealth, and yet be far from God, or, 2) that Zacchaeus, a rich tax collector who is labeled a "sinner" in society's eyes, can repent, humbly give up his wealth, and receive salvation from Jesus?

#### Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. Read Mark 10:21-22. How did Jesus "love" the rich young ruler by inviting him to go and sell all that he had and then follow him?
2. Pastor Jared shared that money amplifies what is in our heart. Jesus was clear with the disciples how wealth can be an obstacle to a true relationship with God. Read Matthew 6:19-21. How does one treasure Jesus more than the gifts he gives us or the good works he lets us do?
3. For further study, see how the apostle Paul models this attitude in Philippians 3:3-11.

#### Application: How can we apply these passages to our lives?

1. What would Jesus lovingly say to you to lead you to a deeper, unhindered relationship with him?
  2. If you are honest, what socially acceptable sins does money amplify in your life? (seeking approval from others, jealousy, greed, self-reliance, worry about the future, etc.)
  3. What is one action this week you can take to respond in surrender and obedience to the Lord?
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