



Plan to Grow | Identity in Christ

1.9.22 | Pastor Matt Anderson

WARM UP

1. If you had to pick somewhere else warm to live, where would it be?
2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

DIG IN

3. Talk about the internal struggle that prompts the rich man's contradictory question in Luke 10:17? How does Jesus' response crush his conflicted scheme of self-righteousness?
4. The rich man hoped that Jesus' validation would fill the void, but what does Jesus declare that he lacks?
5. The rich man rejected a relationship with Christ and went away sad, stuck, & unable to change. How can an Identity in Christ move us past "*I'm just hardwired this way*" to embrace "*I'm hardwired to grow*" to enjoy growth in challenging areas.

WRAP UP

6. Let's take a moment to pray about our upcoming Community Groups semester, which starts Jan 23. Pray that God leads new people into our wonderful groups and that they are warmly welcomed. Pray that each group member embraces a plan for Spiritual Growth as we present the opportunity and contributes to the group well.

EXTRA CREDIT QUESTIONS

- A) Compare Mark 10:17-27 to the version of this story told in Matt 19:16-30. What different words are used and omitted in these two versions of the story, and how do the variations enable us to draw different wisdom from each?
- B) Focus on the language about the camel and the eye of the needle in Mark 10:23-27 While the disciples aren't "rich," why do these words lead them to assume that none can be saved? Describe Jesus response in your own words.
- C) The Greek word for rich in Mark 10:25 is *ploo'-see-os*, where we get the root for plutocrat (one who's political power comes from their wealth). How does this shed light on why it seems impossible for the man to let go of his wealth (power-identity) to follow Jesus (Christ-identity)? Does everyone have at least one area that we hold onto with similar ferocity to maintain a sense power or control at the expense of growing with Jesus? What's yours?



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Identity: Who am I?

Mark 10:

What must I _____ to _____ eternal life?

Trying to be good enough...

What the rich man lacked:

He was stuck...

Isolated Identity vs. Identity in Christ

Spiritual Growth Assessment (soon to be released)

Community Groups

One thing you _____.

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