

THE INCONVENIENT LIFE // David Morelli

Group Guide

Matthew 19:16-22

¹⁶Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"

¹⁷"Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

¹⁸"Which ones?" he inquired.

Jesus replied, "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, ¹⁹honor your father and mother,⁴ and 'love your neighbor as yourself."

²⁰"All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?"

²¹Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²²When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

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1. Have you experienced a time where you wanted something but didn't get it? Share what you wanted and what that experience was like for you.
2. Read Matthew 19:16-22.
 - In verse 16, the young man comes to Jesus with a question. What does his question reveal about the desire in his heart?
 - How does his question reveal a misunderstanding of how we receive eternal life? Consider Ephesians 2:1-9.
3. The young man realizes he lacks something in his life. Do you experience a feeling of lack in your life at times? If yes, share how and the way you normally respond to that.
4. Jesus' response in verse 21 is a great inconvenience to the young man. As you think about Jesus' response, discuss the following:
 - Why do you think Jesus asks him to sell all his possessions and give the money to the poor? What reason could he have?
 - What do you learn about following Jesus from this? Consider Matthew 16:24-26.
5. Discuss the statement: *The things that take us further in our faith journey are the things that are most inconvenient to us.*
6. What is the greatest challenge you face when Jesus asks you to do something inconvenient or uncomfortable?
7. As you end, read the following passages about God to remind yourself of who he is. Then, spend time thanking God for who he is.
 - Isaiah 6:1-6
 - Mark 5:1-8
 - Colossians 1:15-22
 - Hebrews 4:14-16
 - Revelation 1:12-18 and 4:1-5:14

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RESOURCES TO HELP YOU FOLLOW JESUS

- centralheights.ca/followjesus

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- We love hearing how God moves in people's lives. If you or anyone in your group has a story and would be willing to share, we'd love to hear it and celebrate with you. You can share your story by emailing stories@centralheights.ca

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