

Mark my words!

Life Group Notes

1. Read: Mark 10:17- 31. Do you have any troubling questions about this passage? What does it have in common with Luke 10:25-37?
2. Why do you think that Jesus answered the initial questions of the rich young ruler and the expert in the law (see also Luke 10:25) in a way that was very different to the Apostle Paul (see Acts 16:30-31)? *Clues:*
 - i. Was it the same question being asked?
 - ii. What does 'eternal life' mean? What were these men actually asking?
 - iii. Why was obedience to the commandments focused on by Jesus?
3. Is the standard of entry into the Kingdom about "selling everything and giving to the poor" or was this man a 'special case'? (see also Luke 8:3; 19:1-10 as examples).
4. Jesus also spoke of entry into the Kingdom in Matthew 5:20. Why is this verse so startling? What truth was Jesus communicating about his Kingdom through saying this? (see also Matt. 5:20-48)
5. Having read the Mark 10:17-31 account, do you ever find yourself asking the question asked in v26? What comforting response did Jesus give? What do you understand Jesus to mean?
6. To recap: what were the entrance requirements of the Kingdom for
 - i. the rich young ruler (Mark 10:21)
 - ii. the expert in the law (Luke 10:37)
 - iii. Nicodemus (John 3:3)
 - iv. The women Jesus met at the well (John 4:16-18)

What in the message for us in this? What is the Lord requiring of us to be citizens in his kingdom?