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The Book of Mark: Who Wants To Be Rich?

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Luke 12:15 Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.

Mark 10:21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. 'One thing you lack,' he said. 'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'

Any crutch that we lean on other than God is a false god...

Any coping mechanism, addiction, distractions...that we use to make it through life is an obstacle to truly trusting in God. Examples: money, possessions, achievements, addictions, applause...

Money poses itself as god

Mark 10:23 How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!

Why is money such an obstacle to trusting in God?

1. Money promises security. If you have money you feel safe & secure.
2. Money promises significance. If you have money you feel important & respected.
3. Money promises satisfaction. If you have money you can buy pleasure.

Only God can forgive, heal, satisfy your soul, give you significance and grant you eternal life.

Luke 16:13 You cannot serve both God and money.

Salvation comes from God, not good works, efforts, money,...

Mark 10:26 'Who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'

Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Be Rich Toward God

Luke 12:21 This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.

Life Group Discussion

1. Discuss our memory verse for the week: Luke 12:15 Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.
2. Why is money such a popular replacement for trusting God?
3. Why can't you serve both God and money?
4. What is the difference between our external needs and our internal needs? Measure money's ability to meet our internal needs vs. God's ability.
5. What does God promise to those who trust in him and follow him?