



MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 4 – INHERITING THE KINGDOM

¹⁷As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

²⁰“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

²¹Jesus 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.”

²²At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

²⁴The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

²⁸Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

²⁹“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

– Mark 10:17-31

THREE OBSERVATIONS ABOUT INHERITING THE KINGDOM OF GOD:

1. It is impossible for you to _____ in order to
_____ eternal life
2. Transformation is an _____ not an

3. There will be _____ and _____ for everyone
who follows Jesus

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Why didn't the young man have assurance that he would inherit eternal life?
2. What was the one thing that this young man was lacking in order to earn eternal life? Why was this an impossible thing for him to do?
3. Why is there nothing that a person can do to inherit eternal life?
4. What might be significant about three of the four ways that we are commanded to love God are internal (heart, soul, mind) and only one is external (strength)?
5. How was Jesus' answer to the young man's question shocking to his disciples?
6. Why is true life transformation that leads to eternal life humanly impossible?
7. If there is nothing you can do to inherit eternal life, then what hope can anyone have of salvation?
8. What are some of the challenges of following Jesus?
9. What are some of the blessings of following Jesus?
10. What rules your heart? What might be getting in the way of true life transformation?