

Ask Jesus: *What Must I Do to Inherit Eternal Life?* Discussion Questions **Date:** July 7, 2019 | **Scripture:** Mark 10:17-31

- 1. Read Mark 10:17-31. What stands out to you?
- 2. While you may not hear the question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" in our everyday conversations with friends or coworkers, we do hear some similar questions like it. What are some of the variations of that question you've heard asked? That you have asked yourself?
- 3. An easy way to find out how we answer that question is to "follow the money." How is our city answering the question in those terms?
- 4. The rich young ruler assumed that good deeds is what made him right with God. How did Jesus confront his assumption? What did the ruler's response to Jesus' answer reveal about his heart?
- 5. Pastor David quoted John Gerstner, who said, "The main thing between you and God is not so much your sins; it's your damnable good works." In what ways do our good deeds-and the pride that results from them-prevent us from being in a healthy relationship with God and with one another? How have you seen this in your own life?
- 6. Even though Jesus' confrontation was fueled by love (see v. 21), the rich young ruler failed to see it; he did not believe that God and happiness were in the same place. Do you struggle to believe that sometimes? How can we help and encourage one another remember and believe that Jesus is better this week?
- 7. If we want to be free from insecurity, inadequacy, and fear, we must look to Jesus who gave up all those things for us in order to give us the riches of heaven. How will you recommit yourself this week to behold Jesus and receive his grace?

God's love enables us to love him more than anything and love others more than we love ourselves.