

Prayer Requests



Awake My Soul
Luke 18:18-30

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Message-based Small Group Lesson

Overview

So often, the commitments, plans, desires, and “noise” of our lives crowd us and drive us down a path of misplaced priorities where Jesus becomes an afterthought. In this story, Jesus lovingly confronts a rich young ruler about his priorities. How about us? Are we as intentional about our pursuit of Jesus as we are about the other areas of our lives that command our attention? What would Jesus lovingly say to us if he were to take a look at our priorities? Jesus is saying that we need to place him first in our lives and encourages us that with God’s help, *it is possible!*

Engaging with each other

1. What was your hardest subject when you were in school?

Engaging with the Bible

1. Read Luke 18:18-30
2. What are your initial thoughts as you read this story?
3. Why does the rich ruler use the word “inherit” about eternal life in verse 18?

4. How do you feel about Jesus’ response to the rich young ruler in verse 22?
5. There have been a number of views on what is meant by the “eye of the needle” illustration Jesus uses in verse 25. Share some of the perspectives you have heard about this verse.
6. Jesus lists 5 of the 10 commandments in his response to the ruler (v. 19-20). Why do you think Jesus chose these particular commands, and why might he have not listed the first command (Exodus 20:3)?

Engaging with our lives

1. Based upon your schedule, what would you say is the top priority in your life right now? Is this what you would like to be your top priority?
2. What next step can you take this week to make Jesus the MOST important thing in your life—your first priority and not an afterthought?