

Clarence Park Baptist Church

Question for Week following service 27th June 2021

A CAST OF *Characters*

COMMON PEOPLE in the HANDS of AN UNCOMMON GOD



WORSHIP God **GROW** Together **SERVE** Others

Week 10 – The Rich Young Ruler
Matthew 19:16-26

Preparation

1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel: https://youtu.be/upM1kpx8_vk
2. Read the passages on the next page and reflect on the questions before meeting with the rest of the group to explore your journeys together

Group Study

- Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new

Reading:

Matthew 19:16-26 New International Version – UK

The rich and the kingdom of God

¹⁶ Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, 'Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?' ¹⁷ 'Why do you ask me about what is good?' Jesus replied. 'There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.'

¹⁸ 'Which ones?' he enquired. Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, ¹⁹ honour your father and mother," and "love your neighbour as yourself.'" ²⁰ 'All these I have kept,' the young man said. 'What do I still lack?'

²¹ Jesus answered, 'If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.' ²² When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it 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.'

²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, 'Who then can be saved?'

²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'

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Questions for discussion

Reflect and share your experiences together using the following questions.

Take time at the end to ask what is God teaching you this week to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus?

1. Is there anything from the readings or message this week that stood out to you?
2. How does this passage interpret being "poor in spirit"? how is that different to any previous thoughts you had as to what this beatitude is about?
How does Luke 6:v's 20&24 which omits "in Spirit" help us understand this passage and how it relates to those who are rich?
3. Why is it important in Matthew that we understand that the young ruler had wealth?
4. What do you think were behind his motives in coming to Jesus?
5. How does his wealth stop him from knowing Gods blessing? ... Why? And What does this teach us about how we ought to approach wealth and possessions?
6. If Jesus were to ask you to give up all your possessions, how would you react? Explain?
7. If Jesus asked you to make him the sole priority and focus of your life. How would you respond? How is this different to the answer for question 6?

Prayer

Take some time to share prayer needs, pray for one another, for the church and for our local community before finishing with the words of the grace.