

# Sermon Discussion Guide

October 30, 2022

## READ

Read Luke 18:18–30 aloud and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap: Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “You can never be wise enough, good enough, righteous enough, or blessed enough, to earn eternal life. No, God provides salvation another way: With God, salvation is a gift he gives to all those humble enough to admit they are hopeless without it.”
- Four ways money can become a liability: 1) The more money you have, the greater the temptation to cheat. 2) Money can turn you into an addict. 3) Money can lull you into false security. 4) Money can make you proud.
- To get Jesus, we have to open our hands and let go of anything else that controls us.
- “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” –Jim Elliot.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. In what ways are you tempted to think you can “earn” your salvation? What makes you feel self-sufficient when it comes to God?
2. Consider the four ways that money might become a liability. Which one of these resonates with you? How can we help each other be alert to these temptations?
3. What is the one thing that regularly tempts you from fully surrendering yourself to Jesus?
4. In what way is Jesus more precious than money? What about him makes you want to trust him?

Weekly Response Questions	Prayer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Reflect: “What is impossible with man is possible with God.” Consider the power of God to change our hearts.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Respond: When you consider the topic of money, what fears or anxieties come to your mind?</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Reach: What is one way you can be generous to the poor this week?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Pray that God would convince our hearts that he is more precious, valuable, and reliable than money or possessions.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Ask God to send his Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts for this series. Pray that he would make us willing to do whatever it takes to follow him.</li></ul>