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Mark 10:17-31

The Allure of Wealth

1. Based on your own personal experience, do you believe money buys happiness? How much money is enough?
2. Read Mark 10: 17-26.
 - A. Why do you think this man approached Jesus in this way?
 - B. Why does Jesus teach that it's hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven?
 - C. What is the danger of believing that wealth is a sign of God's blessing?
3. Read verse 27. In the context of money, why does Jesus remind us that with God all things are possible? What are other idols that can be as dangerous as money?
4. Read verses 28-31. What are examples of the beauty of the kingdom of God in these verses?
5. Kevin's big idea is this: *"In the way of Jesus, money is useful but dangerous."* How do we follow Jesus and deal with the allure of wealth?
6. Discuss these 3 statements from Kevin's sermon.
 - A. Money is not neutral.
 - B. Money knits our hearts to the passing age.
 - C. Money possesses a deeply forming power.

Close your teaching time with the following Generosity Liturgical Prayer.

Holy Father, there is nothing I have that you have not given me.
All I have and am belong to you, bought with the blood of Jesus.

To spend everything on myself, and to give without sacrifice, is the way of the world.
But generosity is the way of those who call Jesus Lord.
Teach us now to love with free hearts and to serve with renewed minds.
Renew our minds to the deceit of riches that chokes out the word.
And tune our hearts to your kingdom, not the systems of this world.
I am determined to be trustworthy with such a little thing as money that you may trust
me with true riches.
Above all, may we grow together as a generous people so we can reflect your
unending generosity.
It is the delight of your sons and daughters to share your traits and to show what you
are like to all the world.
Amen.