

# SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS CALL TO SURRENDER

Mark 10:17-31



**BIG IDEA:** The kingdom of God is not entered by those who merely admire Jesus, but by those who surrender everything to follow him.

# APPLICATION GUIDE

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## DISCUSS

Think of a time when you almost got something you really wanted—a job, opportunity, purchase, or trip—but it didn't happen. How did you feel about the “almost”?

Now consider this: the rich young ruler almost followed Jesus. Why do you think that makes this story so tragic?

## EXPLORE

What stands out about the way the rich young ruler approaches Jesus in verses 17–20, and what does his question reveal about how he thought eternal life was obtained?

Why does Jesus ask the man to sell everything and give to the poor (v.21), and what does it reveal about the real issues of his heart?

Why are the disciples shocked by Jesus' teaching about wealth (vv.23–27)?

What does Jesus mean when he says, “With man it is impossible, but not with God”?

## APPLY

Where are people today tempted to trust in their own goodness or performance before God?

Is there anything in your life that competes with Jesus for your ultimate trust or loyalty?

How have you experienced the blessings of following Christ in your own life?

## COMMIT

This week, identify one area of your life that competes with Jesus for your trust or loyalty, and consciously surrender it to him in prayer and obedience.