

Taking Gathered Worship Home

This rich man had wealth, but not understanding. His disciples understood that following Jesus was hard, but they didn't comprehend that it is in fact impossible. Peter was concerned about all that they had given up for Jesus without understanding that we cannot outgive God. Let us consider this week the reality that everything truly belongs to Christ and it is only as we learn to enjoy things for His glory that we are freed from slavery to our stuff.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday

READ Mark 10:17-31; Ecclesiastes 5:10; First Timothy 6:6-10; 6:17-19; Matthew 6:19-21; Hebrews 13:5-6; Deuteronomy 31:7-8; Exodus 32:13. DISCUSS How is the pursuit of wealth a trap? How did Jesus warn the man? Why do we fall for the trap? How does Jesus free us from it? SERVE someone in need. MEDITATE on **Hebrews 13:5-6.** PRAY "Jesus, enable us to see that all things belong to You and that if we trust You, we will have all that we need. Teach us to use things to glorify You rather than be used by our things."

Monday

READ Mark 10:17-31; Ecclesiastes 5:10; First Timothy 6:6-10. DISCUSS All these passages warn of the snare that wealth can be. Why is this so? How does Christ free us from this trap? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 13:5-6.** PRAY, "Jesus, thank You for *providing all that we need.* Enable us to trust in You."

Tuesday

READ Mark 10:17-31; First Timothy 6:6-19. DISCUSS Why are riches "uncertain" and what is the danger of placing our hopes in them? Why is there security only in Christ? SERVE by considering someone else's needs *above your own!* MEDITATE on **Hebrews 13:5-6.** PRAY, "Lord Jesus, everything there is belongs to You. Forgive us for the ways that we want our own security apart from You. Teach us to rest in Your promises and the abundance of Your provision for us as Your co-heirs."

Wednesday

READ **Mark 10:17-31; Deuteronomy 31:7-8; Hebrews 13:5-6.** DISCUSS Do you see the connection between the certainty of our inheritance and God's command for us to be brave? How does trust in Christ's promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us enable us to walk boldly? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 13:5-6.** PRAY, "Lord, embolden us to believe Your promises."

Thursday

READ **Mark 10:17-31; Exodus 32:13; Matthew 6:19-21.** DISCUSS How does God's promise in Exodus relate to the treasure in heaven in Matthew? How is your heart set on that treasure? SERVE by demonstrating God's tenderness! MEDITATE on **Hebrews 13:5-6.** PRAY, "Lord, please pull our hearts away from their idols and *set our hearts on the treasure in heaven* for Your praise."

Friday

READ **Mark 10:17-31; Ecclesiastes 5:10; First Timothy 6:6-10; 6:17-19; Matthew 6:19-21; Hebrews 13:5-6; Exodus 32:13; Deuteronomy 31:7-8.** DISCUSS How has the Holy Spirit been guiding you *this week through these passages*? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 13:5-6.** PRAY that we at FCCW would *be delighted in Christ.*

Saturday

PREPARE today for *gathered worship tomorrow.* READ **Mark 10:1-52.** Invite others to join you tomorrow for Sunday School at **9:00** and the **10:30** worship service. Ask the Lord to *make us more like Jesus.*

Meditate on Hebrews 13:5-6

"For here we have no lasting city,
but we seek the city that is to come."