

Questions for Reflection:

1. What stood out to you from the sermon today?
2. Why do you think Jesus only lists the horizontal commands (and not the vertical) when he first answers the ruler?
3. Do you think God asks people to sell everything and give it to the poor today? Why do Christians almost never apply Jesus' command that way?
4. How does Jesus' answer reveal the ruler's idols? What might reveal ours?
5. Would you be willing to share what might be an idol of yours?
6. What will you do about? How will you place the false god with the Living God?

Coming Up:

Apr 4-10: Luke 19:28-48 (Palm Sunday)

Apr 11-17: Luke 24:1-12, 36-49 (Easter!)

Apr 18-24: Luke 13:18-21

April 25-May 1: Luke 14:15-24

May 2-8: Luke 15



THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO LUKE

The Rich Ruler

Scripture: Luke 18:15-17

Anyone who wants to be part of Jesus' _____, must value the lowly, the poor, the invisible and children.

Luke 18:18-30

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

The vertical commandment: “Love the _____ your _____...”

The horizontal commandment: “Love your _____ as yourself.”

Jesus' lists the _____...

...then he _____ the _____.

Jesus' answer:

1. _____ everything.
2. _____ it to the _____.
3. _____ me.

Jesus' answer accomplishes three things:

1. It reveals the ruler's _____.

- What we use to _____ ourselves.

The only appropriate justification is to _____ and _____ to God's grace.

The problem with idols is that they don't _____ and they don't _____.

2. It values and provides for the _____.

- Jesus' answer went beyond simple charity to _____ with the poor.

Four aspects of poverty:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

3. It _____ him to follow Jesus

Status and wealth do not _____ freedom, they _____ it.

"When the Son has set you free, you are free indeed." (John 8:36)

Application:

What idol have you set up that you thought would satisfy?

- What do you look to most often for guidance, comfort, pleasure, or fulfillment?
- What do you find yourself daydreaming about when you have nothing else to think about?
- What, if it was taken away, would devastate you and take away your reason to live?
- What do you think would make me happy "if only you could have it?"
- What most keeps you awake at night with anxiety or anticipation?

You can't just _____ of idols, they have to be _____.

Replace false gods with the _____ God.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- Sacrificial _____.