

**Message from God's Life-Giving Word**

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**Standout – The Journey**

Consider the following: God is \_\_\_\_\_

Notes on Jesus' encounter with the Rich Ruler (Luke 18:18-30):

Follow Me

- Follow Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ He leads.

Characteristics of The God-Directed Journey:

*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.* Colossians 3:17

**Next Steps**

1. Read Luke 18:18-30. How did Luke describe the demeanor of the man? Why did he feel that way? What example did Jesus use to describe the challenges of being rich? Look again at verse 24. The young man originally asked about eternal life, but Jesus changes His phrase slightly. Why does Jesus actually say it is hard for a rich man to enter?
2. Read Mark 1:9-15. The Kingdom of God is not as much a place as a person. It is the reign and rule of Jesus Christ. And that is not something we have to wait for until we are in Heaven; it is available to us now. Why might the wealthy have trouble embracing the Kingdom of God when it is right in front of them, like this young man?
3. Journal the following: Wealth is not the only thing that keeps us from focusing on the things of God. What things keep you from fully focusing on what God desires for you? Ask God to help you focus on the things He cares about, rather than things that steal your time and attention.

**REMEMBER:** *Your time in daily devotion and prayer is not just for your benefit. It's also for the benefit of others. Share what God is teaching you.*