You Lack One Thing

Mark 10:17-27
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- ¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."
- ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.
- ²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

Table Discussion Questions:

- 1. What makes Christianity unique among the world's religions?
- 2. What is the difference between moralism and holiness?
- 3. Is money inherently sinful? What is it about money that makes it so dangerous?
- 4. What is idolatry? What idols pull on your heart the most?
- 5. What "one thing" did the rich young ruler lack? How do we get this "one thing"?
- 6. What does this story teach us about the power of the Gospel?