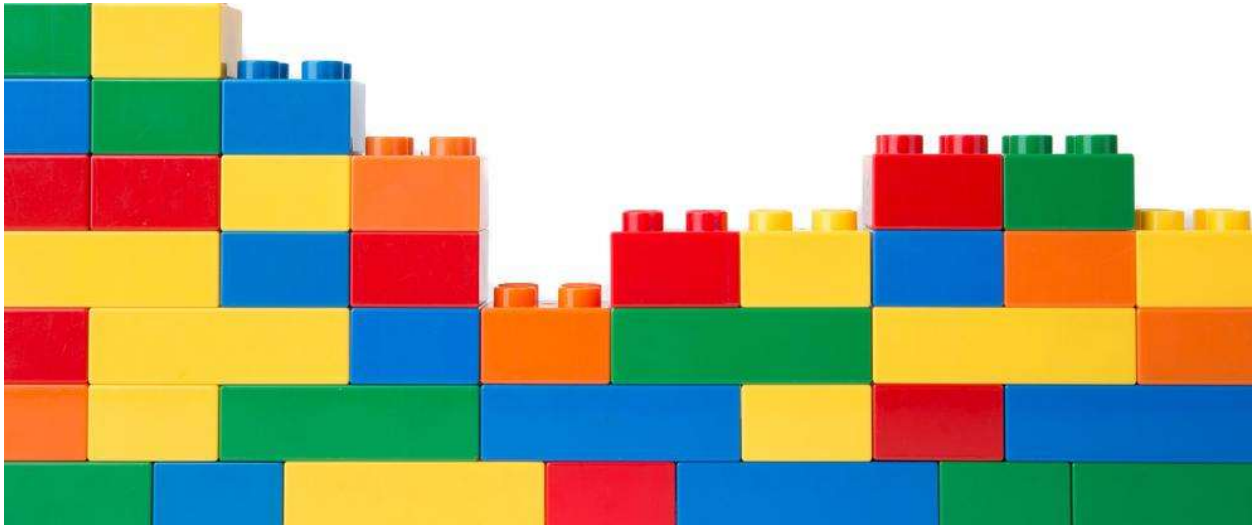


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## "The Path of Discipleship"

Mark 10:17-22

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### Background

Join us as we recognize and celebrate all our graduates while we reflect on how we continue our journeys of growing in faith in Jesus through all that we encounter in life.

### Sermon Text: **Mark 10:17-22 (NIV)**

*<sup>17</sup> As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"*

*<sup>18</sup> "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'<sup>[a]</sup>"*

*<sup>20</sup> "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."*

*<sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."*

*<sup>22</sup> At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.*

### Discussion Questions

#### 1. Preparation

- What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?

- What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- What is the best thing you heard on Sunday?

## **2. Sunday Questions:**

1. Graduation season reminds us as people who love God, that we are at different points of growth and maturity in our faith journey. Do you seek to grow in your walk with God? How do you envision to enrich your love for yourself and those around you as you grow with God?

2. Mark 10:17-22 is a great example how Jesus interacts with a young ruler in his growth journey. In what ways are you similar to this young ruler?

3. We may start in our life of following God as a list of right and wrongs, or a list of things to do or not to do. Can you share your experience of your early stage of following Jesus?

4. Jesus loves the young ruler and He does not want only his outward actions towards Him, but his full love and devotion. What will be your response when Jesus asks you for your full love and devotion?

5. Becca uses Lego construction as a metaphor for our lives of faith, when we put Lego pieces together as how we understand God, how we view the world and ourselves, and how we really like it when things fit nicely into it...She lists three options we are left with when a big thing comes along that does not fit nicely into our Lego construction:

Option 1- We hold tightly to what we know to be true and turn the big thing away. This leads us to legalism.

Option 2- We set aside who we know God to be and what he says is true, and try to find our own answers. This leads to more confusion and disappointment.

Option 3-We follow the path of walking, growing and living in faith in Jesus. We allow some of these pieces to break apart, not throwing away all these pieces, but allowing them to be formed into a new construction. Then the new construction helps us to make sense, understand, and integrate this other big thing into our lives.

Which options will you take?