

# Sermon Discussion Guide 5/12-5/18 VGroup Meetings

Sermon Title: The Rich Young Ruler - Matthew 19:16-22

Distribute name tags as people enter. Take attendance in FellowshipOne / collect new guest information including address, phone & email, etc. Allow folks to mingle, fellowship, and settle in with each other. Download/email resources from [www.vgroups.org](http://www.vgroups.org). Source for study guide, covenant, and more.

Open the session with prayer.

Discussion Starter/Ice Breaker: (15-20 mins)

Think about the word "Lord" and discuss what it means to you.

Discussion Questions: (45 mins)

1. Read the focus verses from the sermon together - Matthew 19:16-22. What are the 3 mistakes made by the rich young ruler?
2. Read the following verses and discuss the questions that follow:
  - a. Romans 3:10-18, 10:9-13
  - b. Luke 6:46-49
  - c. John 5:24, 14:15
  - d. Matt 5:21-22, 27-28, 16:24-26
  - e. Heb 4:12-13
3. What do we learn about the rich young ruler from the core vs? What about his character / behavior do you see? What do we see about his spiritual condition? Do you know people like the rich young ruler? Good people who don't allow Jesus to be the Lord of their lives. What are some things you can do to encourage them to submit their lives to Christ?
4. When Jesus mentioned the commandments, He listed 6 of them. The young ruler said that he had kept them since his youth. Look at Matthew 5:21-22 & 27-28, Hebrews 4:12-13, and Romans 3:10-18. Do you believe the young ruler was able to live without breaking any of the commandments?
5. In our focus passage this week, the rich young ruler's major fault was he chose his possessions over following Christ. Think about and discuss what our culture chooses over Jesus & submitting to His leadership & calling. Why do you think they make these decisions? Is there something that you are clinging to that is causing you to not fully submit to Christ's leadership and allow him Lordship over your life?
6. This is the last week to focus on your story. Think about the things that God has shown you over this last semester. Did you realize something new about God & how you've encountered His hand moving in your life? Have you become more comfortable sharing your story with others? Are you willing to share your story with the group?

Closing: Open the floor for discussion / questions.

Prayer Requests:

Close in prayer.

