



Small Group Discussion Guide

March 18, 2018

Sermon Title:

“Giving It Up for Life”

Sermon Text: *Matthew 19:16-30*

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 6:25-34*

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group’s discussion.*

Getting Started: How do you typically prepare for Easter? Do you participate in Lent by abstaining from something? How well are you doing?

Discussion:

1. Jesus had an encounter with a young man who was very wealthy. What was the initial question that the young man asked him? **(Reference: Vs. 16)** Do you think there was any hidden motive for asking?
2. What was the young man’s practice when it came to religion? **(Reference: Vs.20)** Apparently there was still something lacking in his life. Do you think simply keeping the 10 Commandments can bring fulfillment to a person’s life?
3. Jesus has perfect insight into our lives. What did He see in/and ask of the young man? Has Jesus ever asked you to do a hard thing? What has been your response to Him?
4. The Pastor spoke of giving something up for Lent. What was it that Jesus asked the young man to give up for his whole life? What was the young man’s response? **(Reference: Vss. 21,22)**
5. The Pastor suggested that there may be some things in our life that we need to give up for life. Consider the list he mentioned. Do any of them apply to you?
*Control
*False Expectations
*Worry
*Fear of Death
6. Discuss the statement by Corrie ten Boom: “Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.” How well are you trusting Him?

Closing: *Close by sharing prayer requests. Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared.*

GO SHARE JESUS!