

“God Wants You to Remember”

Series: *The Great CoMission*

(Part 3 of 3)

Open: If you were handed \$10,000 today what would you do: spend it, give it away, or save it?

Explore: Read Matthew 19:16-30.

The story of the Rich Young Ruler may be familiar to you. If that is the case, try to see it with fresh set of eyes. Put yourself in the shoes of the man in the story; how would you have responded to Jesus?

1. What question was Jesus asked at the beginning of the story (vs. 16-19)? How did Jesus respond?
2. What astonishing claim did the young man make (vs. 20-22)? What additional assignment did Jesus give him and what did he do as a result?
3. Read verses 23-26. What point (i.e. rich people can't go to heaven, doing good deeds for the poor will earn eternal life, full devotion requires total trust in the Lord) do you believe Jesus was trying to make to the disciples? Explain.
4. How had the disciples made sacrifices for the kingdom of God (vs. 27-30)? What final promise did Jesus make to the twelve?

Reflect: Review key points from the lesson before discussing the questions.

1. In what way(s) do you believe participating in the Great CoMission can be so intimidating for many followers of Christ in the church today?
2. Once we recognize who God is and what God has done in our lives, trusting Him becomes easier. List ways you have seen God work in your life, in your CARE Group, in your church, or in the world. How can we remember His miracles?
3. According to 2 Corinthians 9, what is the relationship between sowing and reaping? What type of giver does God want you to be?
4. What are some signs (around the world / in our own country) that things are not great financially or politically? Sometimes we need to remind one another of the greatness and faithfulness of God. Read Lamentations 3:20-23 out loud as group. How do the truths of this verse impact / influence your attitude today?
5. Jesus paid the ultimate price by dying on the cross because He loves people. How has the cross changed your life? How should the cross impact the way we approach our involvement with the Great CoMission?

Apply: Next steps.

As a group: Look over the points from the message. What point have you forgotten that you now need to remember? Share one point with the group and then discuss what step you will take this next week in order to keep this truth front and center in your life.

On your own: Pray about what God wants you to do for the Great CoMission. Does he want you to invite a friend to church, make a financial commitment, or go on a short-term mission trip? Write it down and make it happen.

Listening Guide Notes

God really wants us to...

1. Remember what He has done.

“Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.” –Deuteronomy 4:9 (p. 124)

“Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.” –Psalm 105:5 (p. 419)

2. Remember we can't out give Him.

^[6] *“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.^[7] Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.^[8] And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”*

–2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (p. 807)

3. Remember, no matter how bad it may look now, He wins!

^[20] *“I will never forget this awful time, as I grieve over my loss.^[21] Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this:^[22] The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease.^[23] Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.” –Lamentations 3:20-23 (NLT)*

4. Remember the cross.

^[23b] *“The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,^[24] and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.’^[25] In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’” –1 Corinthians 11:23b-25 (p. 799)*