LIFE TOGETHER NOTES

SERMON SERIES: THE PURSUIT OF GENEROSITY

"IN WHOM OR WHAT DO YOU FIND YOU SECURITY?"

Week of October 4, 2026

Introduction: The wealthy young ruler was used to buying the things he needed or wanted. His wealth gave him privilege and pride, so much so he thought he could buy eternal life. Jesus recognized that money was his god so he challenged him to, "…go and sell all your possessions and give them to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven…" As we begin the Pursuit of Generosity of sermon series, we start with where we get our security. Is it from treasures on earth, or treasures in heaven?

Icebreaker:

1. Who is the wealthiest person you know (past or present)? Are they a generous person? Do they use their wealth for things that will outlive them?

2. What is something you've always wanted to buy and why? Do you think it would make you happy?

Have someone read: Mark 10:17-27

Digging Deeper:

1. What is the one thing in this passage that is the most "striking" to you and why?

2. What is Jesus *saying* and *not saying* about wealth and material possessions in this passage?

3. Why did Jesus use this analogy, "*It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God?"*

4. What does Jesus mean when he says, "*With human beings it is impossible, but with God all things are possible?*" How is he using this phrase to teach about the nature of salvation?

Application for Daily Life:

1. As you think back on your relationship with wealth and material possessions over your life, what have you learned?

2. What does today's passage have to do with generosity?

3. If Jesus is not saying having wealth is bad, how should we use it?

4. Are there any practical steps you need to take to store up treasures in heaven?

Close your time in prayer, praying for each other's requests!