

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE**A Rich Man, A Poor Man, & Jesus**

LUKE 18:18-43

OVERVIEW

Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus as the Perfect Man who came to save sinners. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe Jesus' claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose him will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the resurrection ensures that his ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue through his disciples once they have been equipped with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Luke reveals that Jesus is the King, and he has come to inaugurate his Kingdom. (Adapted from *Talk Through the Bible*).

APPLY // LUKE 18:1-18

1. Read Luke 18:1-18.
2. Discuss one or two encouraging, challenging or convicting truths from this passage.
3. How does these truths shapes us together as a church family?

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // LUKE 18:18-43

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

Overview/Big Idea: When we come to Jesus by faith we lose nothing and gain everything.

1. Read Luke 18:18-30.
2. In verse 18, what do you notice about the ruler's question?
3. How does Jesus respond?
 - a. NOTE: In saying "No one is good except God" Jesus is not saying he isn't God in the flesh. He's showing the ruler he is not good because he is not God.
4. How does the ruler respond to Jesus saying to keep the commandments?
5. Notice Jesus doesn't push back on the man for not keeping the commandments. Why do you think Jesus goes about the situation this way?
6. Notice that Jesus tells the ruler he lacks one thing, but then gives him a list of things to do. What is the one thing the man lacks?
7. In verse 23, how does the ruler respond to Jesus? Why? How might his response inform and shape our lives?
8. What's Jesus point in verses 25-27?
9. What do verses 28-29 tell us about the joy of salvation? What does Jesus mean when he says we will "receive many time more in this life, and in the age to come"?

10. Read verses 31-34. In these verses we read about Jesus going toward Jerusalem and what will happen there. What is Luke's intention in placing these verses here? How do they connect to the surrounding context?
 11. Read verses 35-43. Contrast this blind man with the rich ruler. What differences do you notice in his language, requests, behavior, and response?
 12. What aspects of Jesus character in this passage help you delight in him?
- General Bible study questions:
 - **God:** What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
 - **Humanity:** What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
 - **Christ:** How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
 - **Response:** How should I respond with my affections and my actions?
 - **God:** How does this passage help me hope in heaven?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: How's your prayer life? Do you think of prayer as the candle that helps you see God's grace or a more of a duty to be done?