

“Wealth – Blessing or Burden?”

Matthew 19: 16-26

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Sermon Series: “That’s a Great Question!” – Finding Answers to Questions of Faith”

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GETTING STARTED

1. Check in with each other about how you’re doing and how COVID-19 is affecting you directly. Be mindful of understanding the other as this is discussed.

LEARNING & LIVING OUT SCRIPTURE

Together, Reread the biblical text for the morning: Matthew 19:16-26. If your group wants to read more bible, continue reading Peter’s response to Jesus in Matt. 19:27-30. Other Scriptures could include 1 Timothy 6:3-10, Luke 18:18-30; Mark 10:17-27; and Acts 10:1-8.

2. Give an example of how the beginning of your journey of following Jesus became a call to “forsake” the world (wealth, identity, security) and follow him?
3. How can Bidwell Church be a community of prayer and generosity right now? What service programs are already in place in which we can participate on behalf of the community and/or one another? To what new service projects might God be calling us within our current circumstances?
4. Who are the “poor” in Chico? How are they blessed? In what ways can a community like Bidwell Church be a church that is generous toward the poor? In what ways are we called to come alongside the poor?
5. What does prayer look like for you within our present circumstances? What prayer practice might you integrate into your daily rhythms so as to become more dependent and secure on God and God’s kingdom?
6. In the story of the rich (young ruler) man, how am I still like that rich man? How is Jesus unmasking my fake gods and false first loves right now amidst our global pandemic? What does leaning into God’s transformation look like for me right now?
7. How is the “eternal and unshakeable kingdom” a source of security and identity for me?

SHARING & PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the containment and elimination of the Corona Virus. Pray for healing for those who are sick from it.