

Session 7

‘Still haven’t found what I’m looking for?’



Reading:

Mark 10:17-23

Luke 18:18-23

Introduction:

- Have you ever been asked to do something that you thought was too big of an ask or task? But still said yes?
- What did you do? How did it pan out?

WORD:

The context:

As a good Jew, this young man would have been giving his tithe - the first 10% of his income. This is regarded as ‘God’s’, the ‘First Fruits’ that were set aside for God’s purposes. In his enagement with Jesus, he replies that he has done all that ‘law requires’. But Jesus brings an unexpected challenge!

Have a read through the passages:

- What do we know about the Young Man?
- What do you think was significant about the challenge that Jesus gave?
- What was the young man’s response?
- How would have you responded?

Reflection:

Jesus wanted the young man to surrender everything... to lay every element of his life at Jesus’ feet. In doing so, this desperate desire to find life would be fulfilled. However, he couldn’t do it... and instead walked away sad.

Jesus doesn’t desire bits of our lives - he wants it all - including out finances. When we surrender everything, he gives life. Life in all its fullness now, and this flows into eternity.

PRAYER:

What prayer response does today’s reading and discussion invite?

ACTION:

Is Jesus challenging me to respond in a specific way?
What action is he inviting me to take?