

In our time together in the book of Luke, we want to discover Jesus, the man who is God, in a fresh way. Each week we will be discovering a new aspect of who Jesus is and how we fulfilled God's redemptive plan for all creation.

STARTER

What does it mean to be a Christian? What beliefs or actions make a Christian?

If you were to choose a different identifying name for Christians, what would you like to be called?

On Sunday, we spent time discovering Jesus as worthy, specifically that Jesus is worthy to be followed with all of our lives. As we study the Gospel of Luke, we will look at Jesus conversation with a man described as a "rich young ruler" about faith and what it means to be someone who believes in God.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURE

Please take a few moments to read Luke 18:18-30.

Jesus first response is to ask the man in return, "Why do you call me good?" What do you believe Jesus was implying by asking this question?

It seems that this man was good man by accounts of him following the commandments that Jesus mentioned. Why would Jesus then ask him to go and sell everything and give it to the poor?

Even though we understand Jesus is speaking in hyperbole, what does Jesus mean when he says that "it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God?"

What does Jesus say will be the reward for following him wholeheartedly? How does this contribute to our motivation to follow Jesus?

MAKING IT REAL

What are some of the ways that we live out our faith like the rich young ruler?

Jesus is not asking each of us to sell all of our possessions and give all the proceeds away. But based on his response to the rich young ruler, what is he asking of us in our faith?

DISCOVERING JESUS

When we read this scripture, we discover Jesus is worthy to be followed. In your own life, what must you "forsake" or "lay down" in pursuit of following him?