



December 15, 2024

WELCOME AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

WORSHIP IN SONG

Luke 18:18-30

The Rich Ruler

Ryan Miller

LORD'S SUPPER

CLOSING & PRAYER

sermon

notes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Today, Sunday December 15th, following the 2nd service. Lunch and childcare provided. If interested, please talk with an elder.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 22nd, and Sunday, Dec. 29th
8:15 AM - Prayer
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - Worship services
No Sunday School classes.

THREE CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

Tuesday Dec. 24th, Worship services at **2:00 PM**,
3:30 PM & **5:00 PM**. No childcare available

prayer & praise

Join with us this week as we pray for the following needs and praises:

Missionary to pray for: **Amy Ahrens**. To send an e-mail: amy.ahrens@cru.org

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jacob Ellis, Jonah Moore, April Bender, Jon Weitzenkamp, Dawn Fritz, McKenzie Taege, Ed King, Deb Kennedy, Graham Mueller, Edison Church, Josiah Pitterson, and Lois Perry. Pray they will grow in love for Jesus.

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In the story of the rich ruler, the rich ruler asks what must he do to inherit eternal life (18:18) and Jesus responds to that question by referencing some of the Ten Commandments (18:20) and then telling the rich ruler to sell all that he has and give to the poor (18:22). In light of Scripture's consistent emphasis on salvation coming through grace alone by faith alone (and not by works), this seems like a confusing answer. So why does Jesus answer the way that he does and what is he really getting at in saying what he does to the rich ruler?

2. What is it about wealth in particular that makes it a potential hindrance to entering the kingdom of God (cf. 18:24)?

3. As you think about the culture around us, in what ways do you see wealth having a negative impact on our society and on our collective spiritual health? In what ways do you see the negative impact of wealth leaking into the church?

4. As we think about the potential dangers of wealth, why is Jesus' statement in v. 27 such good news?

5. It's one thing to talk about the dangers of false treasure, but quite another to talk about the benefits of pursuing true treasure. What is the true treasure and why is it worth pursuing?

6. Practically speaking, what does it look to pursue the true treasure? Are you currently doing this?

7. As you think about your own life, what false treasures are you tempted to pursue? What would it look like for you to put those false treasures in their proper place?

Next Week's Passage: Matthew 1:1-17

SUNDAYS: SPECIAL HOURS DEC 22 & 29

8:15 GROUP PRAYER (HS ROOM)

9:00 1ST WORSHIP SERVICE

-- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL --

11:00 2ND WORSHIP SERVICE

Ryan Miller, *Teaching & Vision*

Jim Moore, *Care & Counseling*

Seth Rehmert, *Youth Ministry*

Jacob Kitchens, *Missions & Outreach*

Anna Gallatin, *Music & Worship*


Adam Marshall, *Elder*

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