Eastridge Church Sermon Study Questions

Series - Mark: The Untold Story of Jesus Week 32: The Potential of God Passage: Mark 10:17-31



Conversation Starter:

Share a book, movie, podcast or TV show that you have discovered and enjoyed during this quarantine.

Re-read Mark 10:17-31

In this passage Jesus reveals an "idol" in the heart of the young rich man. Are there any "idols" (something, other than Jesus, that has primary authority over our emotions, thoughts and actions) that God has revealed in your life during this time? If He has, have you shared it with someone close to you? What do you think He is asking you to do about it?

Pastor Dwain shared a personal story about his granddaughter telling him that she could not hug him because the "world is sick". This experience sent his mind down a pathway of brief anxiety as he started to ask the question, "Who is going to take care of the impact that all of this is having on kids?" As he thought this question, the Holy Spirit reminded him of the name that God had given Moses at the burning bush, "I Am," He said. *Reflect on your anxieties during these days. How does the truth of the above statement line up with what is going on in your mind and heart right now? What is a practical thing you can do to give over your anxieties and concerns for the future to the one and only "I Am"?*

Finally, re-read vs 28-31. How do these verse encourage everyone who makes a decision to follow Jesus? What do the verses promise? What don't they promise (vs 30)? Take some time to reflect on verse 31. In your own words, what do this verse mean? How should this verse change the way we see and interact with others?

Close your time in prayer, asking that God would reveal any "idols" in your life and that He would give you the courage and strength to lay them at His feet and follow Him with complete focus.

Ways to dig deeper:

- On the Road with St Augustine by James K.A. Smith