

Starter: In your opinion, what barrier stands between most people and following Jesus?

1. Read Matthew 19:16-22
2. Do you think the Rich Young Ruler was sincere in his question? Why or why not?
3. If you are a disciple watching this unfold, what answer do you anticipate Jesus giving? Is it the one he gives?
4. Imagine if the rich young ruler had said yes. What would his life have been like?
5. Read Matthew 19:23-26
6. Jesus describes the power of following the wrong idea, or the wrong person. Do you know anyone who followed the wrong model or person? How is his/her life turning out?
7. The disciples are astonished that the rich man cannot be saved. Is there a type of person that would surprise you if you found out they were not saved?
8. What does it mean to you that God can do the impossible?
9. Read Matthew 19:27-30
10. Do you ever ask Jesus to show you what you gain in exchange for following him? How do you think he would answer you?