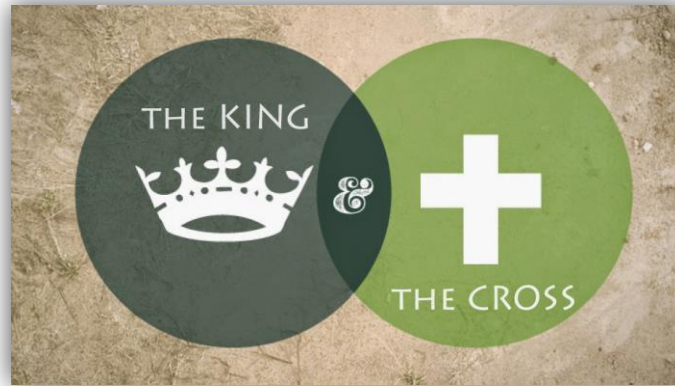


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Opening Questions

1. Friedrich Nietzsche argues that in western culture, money has replaced God. Do you think he's right? Why or why not?
2. Before meeting together, visit: <https://www.givingwhatwecan.org/get-involved/how-rich-am-i/>. Punch in your information and share your reflections on the results.

Going Deeper

Read Mark 10:23-27

1. What stands out to you in this story?
2. The rich young ruler asks the question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"
 - a. What insight is there in his question?
 - b. How does he get the question wrong?
 - c. Jesus never explicitly states the one thing this man lacked. What is it?
3. In verse 23-24 Jesus highlights how hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God. What are the particular difficulties or challenges that wealth brings into our lives?
 - a. Which of these do you most identify with in your own life?

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- b. Dietrich Bonhoeffer highlights how modern Christians who read this story are quick to qualify and nuance Jesus hard hitting words about wealth. What does this say about us?
 - c. Beyond just giving his money away, what is Jesus asking the rich young ruler to do?
4. The most important words in this passage are found in verse 27.
- a. How are these words good news for us today?
 - b. How would you summarize the main point of this story?
 - c. How has your relationship with Jesus changed your relationship to money?
5. Spend a few moments reflecting on this passage as a whole. How do you sense Christ calling you to response?

Close in prayer