

**COMMUNITY GROUP OUTLINE—THE WEEK OF 2/11/18**  
**“An Encounter with Jesus”**  
**TIMELESS SERIES (PART TWO)**

**WELCOME**

The Gospels record the familiar encounter in which a rich young ruler came to Jesus (Luke 18:18-30) asking how he could secure eternal life. Jesus told him to sell everything, give the proceeds to the poor, and follow him. Because the rich young ruler failed to obey Jesus' instructions, he ended up walking away without the very thing he sought.

The financially blessed person has a confusing and complex problem. The good news is, they have a lot of money. The bad news is, they have a lot of money.

Question: Has there ever been a time in your life when you were captivated by money and/or possessions? Explain.

Question: What is your most prized earthly possession? Discuss.

**WORSHIP**

Read *Exodus 10:1-17*. This reading is a good reminder of the “Big 10” and will connect with the message. Pray for each family unit present by name. Ask God to increase His blessing; to restore; to make strong each family that would choose to serve Him.

**WORD**

1. What does the scripture tell us about this man? What do we know about him from his words, his manner, and his actions?
2. What do we learn about Jesus from this encounter? What does this account tell us about him?
3. Why does Jesus challenge the man's seemingly innocent form of address: "Good teacher"? What is Jesus' point?
4. Why does Jesus tell him to sell all his possessions? Is this something Jesus requires of everyone? If not, why single out this man?
5. How are we to generalize about "selling all our possessions"? What application does this have to us?
6. Why did Jesus designate the poor to be the recipients of the man's wealth?
7. Could the man have followed Jesus *without* divesting himself of what he held dear? Can you? Can anyone?
8. What connection does this story have with Timeless (Part One)? – “When Heaven is Trivialized, Our Lives Will be Marginalized”

**WORKS**

Conclude the group with a prayer requesting forgiveness from God regarding idolatry, covetousness, self-absorption, etc.