

Radical Bible Study #6

Read *Radical*, chapter 6
Mark 10:17-31; Luke 16:19-31

Memorize: Mark 10:31

Dig into God's Word

1. In Mark 10:17-31, Jesus confronts a wealthy man. What does Jesus tell the man he needs to do to inherit eternal life (v. 21)? What is the man's response (v. 22)? What does Jesus teach his disciples about the experience (vv. 23-25)?
2. Do you think most American Christians ignore the needs of the poor? In other words, is this a major blind spot for the church in America?
3. What is your response to the following statement by Platt? – "Indeed, caring for the poor (among other things) is *evidence* of our salvation. The faith in Christ that saves us from our sins involves an internal transformation that has external implications.... If there is no sign of caring for the poor in our lives, then there is a reason to at least question whether Christ is in our hearts."
4. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19, where the Apostle Paul offers a balanced view of how Christians should understand and relate to material possessions. What does he say about how we should handle wealth?
5. God undoubtedly has a heart for the poor. Through the sermon, the reading in *Radical*, and the discussion so far, what does God seem to be saying to you about how you should use our possessions to care for people in need?
6. What changes does Fellowship Church need to make in order to better care for people in need?