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What's your one thing? Mark 10:17-31

Can you give up your one thing? Mark 10:17-27

Mark 10:21 – *“One thing you lack; go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”*

If you can, you will gain everything. Mark 10:28-31

Mark 10:29-30 – *“Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake, and for the gospel's sake, but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age...along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life.”*

Response:

Practice giving up your one thing this week.

If it's your money, give a large amount to further the good news. If it's your status, do something you think is below your status for the gospel. If your one thing is your popularity, give up social media or post on social media about your faith. If it's your education or intelligence, give up needing to be the smartest person in the room and practice silence. If it's a talent, practice using it for Jesus rather than only for yourself. If it's your family, then serve others as a family rather than focusing on each other. If your one thing is how valuable your time is, then use your time to serve God and His mission. If it's control, then give up personally controlling something this week. If your one thing is comfort or security, then take a risk for the gospel this week.

Write it down below right now. Then put a reminder in your phone, email yourself or do whatever it takes to remember.

Then at the end of the week, reflect on how this process was for you and if you can give up your “one thing” completely.

Digging Deeper + LifeGroup Discussion:

Five One Things

1. One thing you lack: Mark 10:21 - **"One thing you lack; go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."**
2. One thing is necessary: Luke 10:41-42 - **"Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only *one thing is necessary*, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."**
3. One thing I ask: Psalm 27:4 - **"One thing I have asked** from the Lord, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to meditate in His temple."
4. One thing I know: John 9:25 - **"Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; *one thing I do know*, that though I was blind, now I see."**
5. One thing I do: Philippians 3:13-14 - **"...but *one thing I do*: forgetting what lies behind me and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."**

Discussion Questions:

1. Are you able to identify the one thing you lack? If willing, will you share it with the group? Then ask the group for ideas of how to have greater victory over this "one thing."
2. Do you think a rich person can be as dependent as a child with their faith? Why or why not? How does that connect with you as almost everyone in Orange County is part of the richest 1% of the world?
3. Read Mark 10:21, 28-31. Have you considered the rewards that God offers to those who give up everything now to follow Him? What do these verses say about that?

Next Steps:

TAKE A PACK OF GROCERY BAGS TO DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEIGHBORS: Calvary is partnering with the OC Rescue Mission this month to fill the food shortage in Orange County this Fall! Reach out and give grocery bags to your neighbors and bring back filled bags over the next three Sundays to the OC Rescue Mission Truck in the courtyard.

INVITE A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR TO LIGHT THE NIGHT: Reach out and invite others to come enjoy a FREE fall festival for the whole family on October 31, from 5:30pm - 8:30pm. We also need help with donations of candy, cakes and cupcakes as well as volunteers to serve at the event! Learn more at the station in the Lobby or calvarylife.org/ltn

In Response:

COMMUNION: Communion is a "meal" for believers in Jesus Christ to help us give thanks and remember His death on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. The matzah bread represents the body of Christ given for us. The cup of juice represents the blood of Christ that was shed to pay the price for our sins. We are called to examine ourselves before taking communion (Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-34). We typically pass communion elements the first Sunday of the month. Most other weeks, communion is available at tables around the room after the sermon.

GIVING: The offering is received during each Sunday service. This is a way to express a wholehearted trust in God and worship Him through giving. It is also an act of obedience to God that helps free us from money having mastery over us. Tithing is a biblical command of 10% as a baseline of giving, but the New Testament calls us as followers of Jesus to give even more. Our prayer is that you plan ahead to give purposefully and joyfully to God, helping to further ministry locally and globally in Jesus' name. Discover ways to give on the front of the bulletin or calvarylife.org/give

PRAYER POINTS: These locations at the front right and left of the Worship Center will have people available to pray with you during the time of singing after the sermon and after the service as well. These people are excited to pray with you about anything in your life, including praying to tell Jesus that you believe in Him as God and trust Him for salvation. They will also pray for any health needs, stresses, worries, family members, temptations or anything else.

PRAYER ROOM: The Prayer Room is located at the front right of the Worship Center Auditorium through the doorway behind the Prayer Point. This is a quiet space that you can go to at anytime during the service to be able to pray and reflect on what God is doing in your heart.