
LEADERSHIP COACHING: THE DIFFERENCE JESUS MAKES

Discipleship Phrase: God, what are you inviting me into?

Big Idea for Series: When we surrender our lives to Jesus, He transforms everything.

Abiding [grow as a disciple yourself]

This week's story focuses on Jesus as He encounters a rich young ruler who is seeking an answer to a very specific question. The man is definitely interested in the reward of eternal life but not equally in the sacrifice of *following* Jesus. This exchange ends with an invitation into a bigger story, Jesus' story. However, the man was too interested in advancing his own storyline and he misses the invitation into Jesus'. It's easy to criticize this man, but how might we be more like this man than we'd like to admit?

Leading [learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

Most would agree that if kids did the work of providing for the family, shopping for the food, preparing it, along with serving and feeding it to the parental, it would be strange, to say the least. It's odd because parents feed themselves and those in their care. Your group is no different. You are the leader, the spiritual parent. Like physical ones, spiritual parents long to see those in their care grow to full maturity. Also, like physical, spiritual parenting comes with the responsibility of feeding those in your care but you must not neglect the feeding of yourself as well. How are you feeding yourself and how frequently? How is that playing into your leadership and the way you feed those in your care?

Shepherding [know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

Consider the size of your roster. Is it fitting with regard to the leadership in your group? Are you the only leader or spiritual parent? If you are, and your group is large, it's likely that you're spread too thin to effectively care for that many people. If your group is top-heavy (meaning you have multiple leaders in your group), a large roster is easier managed due to the leadership of your group since it can carry much of the weight and still be effective. Be mindful that it's not so much "what you do", but rather, it's "who you are" that makes disciple-makers the most effective.

Background Plus[®] [a deeper dive into the context of this week's story]

- Matthew's readers were predominantly Jews who already believed in Jesus.
- No one living in the desert hesitated to eat insects, and locusts were among the ceremonially clean food of which the Jews were free to eat.
- Matthew taught that Jesus was the fulfillment of OT promises, especially of the Messiah.
- The Bible Project - [Matthew 1-13](#) [Matthew 14-28](#)

REMEMBER: ***Every group deserves a great leader.***

WEEK 1 - TOPIC: ETERNITY

TAKEAWAY: JESUS INVITES ME INTO THE BIGGER STORY.

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions [Share the topic & takeaway this week from above]

Review the Guidelines [Share the guidelines to set the rails for group time]

Review Last Week [A follow up to last week's takeaway]

Was anyone challenged last week by examining real vs. fabricated areas of their own worship of God?

Ask A Hook Question [A thought-provoking question to get the group focused]

What's one thing you would purchase if money was no object, and why?

Share Background for the Story [Provide context to the story from the Bible]

Each of the first 3 Gospels records this story in the life of Jesus and his disciples. When the stories are combined, it is learned that this man was rich, young, and a ruler - probably a ruler of the synagogue. He can be commended for coming to Jesus publicly and asking about eternal matters. He did not seem to have any ulterior motive and was willing to listen and learn.

Share the Story: [Matthew 19:16-26](#) [Volunteer from last week shares the story]

Rebuild the Story [Invites everyone to engage]

Read from Scripture [Read out loud to see if anything was added or omitted]

Discussion Questions: [Dive deeper, beyond the surface]

1. What is the young man, in this story, looking for? What do his words reveal his beliefs?
2. Jesus responds with some specific commandments, but what is the last thing He tells the man [come follow me] and why? How did the man respond to this and why?
3. Jesus invites the man into a bigger story, yet he could not accept it. How is Jesus inviting you into His story now, and how might you be too caught up in your own story like the rich young man?
4. What will it look for you to step out of your story and into Jesus' story?

Assign Next Week's Passage: [Mark 6:34-44](#)

Prayer Requests [Record, share & follow up throughout the week]

Closing Prayer [Ask openly for a volunteer]
