

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
Jesus, money and me – Mark 10:17-31

1. What would you do if you won a million dollars in the lottery?

Read Mark 10:17-22

2. What do you notice about the way the man approaches Jesus? Does he seem like a good candidate for the kingdom?
3. Read the ten commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). The man has kept many of them from his youth. Which one has he failed to keep? How does Jesus reveal this reality?
4. Why does the man walk away sad? What has he set his heart on – even above God? How is this man an example of Mark 4:19?
5. ‘A “god” means that from which you expect to receive all good things and to which you flee in times of need. “to have a god” means nothing other than to believe and trust from the heart in something’ (Luther). What did this man look to for comfort, help and hope? Would Jesus identify anything in your life that you need to give up because it has taken the place of God alone?
6. Do you think you are wealthy?

Read Mark 10:23-31

7. What does Jesus say about wealthy people in v23-24? How does Jesus intensify this in v25? It is no longer difficult but...?
8. How do Jesus words here shape our understanding of wealth? You may like to also read Proverbs 30:8-9; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Deuteronomy 6:10-16.
9. What is it about our response to wealth that is so dangerous? How does the effect that wealth have on us contrast with Mark 10:15?
10. How is v27 a comfort to you? How can we encourage each other to sit lightly to the wealth that we have? Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19.
11. If the man had sold up and followed Jesus – would he have lost out? Jesus promised him treasure in heaven – but what does he promise us now (v29-30)? How can this be?
12. How are you using your wealth to benefit others?