

Long Story Short: The Question We Should All Be Asking!

Reflect

- 1) What do you picture eternity with God will be like?
- 2) How 'good' is 'good enough' to get into heaven?
- 3) What is your response to the thought that eternity with God is more important than what the world tells us is important.

Read Your Bible

- Mark 10: 17-27
- Romans 7:14-25

Apply God's Word to Your Life

- 1) What does Jesus say we must we do to inherit eternal life with God?
- 2) What are you willing to give up to follow Jesus?
- 3) What does Jesus ask you to give up or give over to Him?
- 4) How do we do what is good despite our sinful nature?
- 5) The Apostle Paul talks of his internal struggle between doing what is good and what is evil. (Romans 7: 14-25) What personal struggle makes you feel most helpless? Where do you turn with it?
- 6) In what way is your life an example for people who are looking toward eternity?

Conclusion

In our fast-paced, results driven, 'get-it-now' world, it is difficult to accept that we can't do everything on our own or buy something we want if we want it bad enough. I want to do good and be good enough to get to heaven and spend eternity with God, and if I am not able to BE good enough, can't I buy my way in? I'm not looking for something free, I want to earn it. But we can't BUY or DO our way into heaven. God alone is good. He knew that we would never be able to pay the price necessary to earn eternity with Him. God alone can save us. He sent Jesus to pay the price for us. We do get the gift of grace and eternity with God by accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Even though we can never be 'good' enough to earn our way in to heaven on our own, we can do our best to look like Jesus in this world as a to what Jesus paid for our eternity. We move forward knowing that we can't do it on our own apart from God, but with God all things are possible.

Pray

Lord, You are so good. Thank You for loving me enough to make a way for me to be with You for eternity. I confess that sometimes I think I can do everything on my own. I am sorry that I sometimes strive to DO more and BE more as if my own power is sufficient. Thank You for the grace You have given me even though I know I don't deserve it and could never earn it. Please help me to lean on You and fix my eyes on eternity with You, because I know with You all things are possible. In Jesus' name. Amen.