

Gospel of Mark
Why Being Good Is Not Good Enough
For the week of **March 12, 2017**

Apply today's message throughout the week by utilizing this Growth Guide individually, with your family, or in your group.

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GOAL: This week we learn from Mark 10 why being good is not good enough.

GET GOING:

1. What kind of kid were you growing up? Were you a rule-follower or a rule-breaker?

2. Read Mark 10:17-22 again. Pastor Ron shared 4 reasons why being good isn't good enough. Which reason stands out to you and why?

3. Sometimes our own goodness can get in the way of our relationship with God. For the rich man in the passage, it was his possessions. Is that what gets in your way? If not, what tends to be an obstacle in your life?

BONUS THOUGHT:

In this passage, Jesus lists commandments 5-10 of the 10 Commandments, which deal with our relationships with people. Commandments 1-4 deal with our relationship with God.

KEEP GROWING

4. Read Jesus' teaching by continuing in Mark 10:23-31. Here, Jesus elaborates on how worldly possessions can get in the way of the kingdom of God.

- What stands out to you in this passage and why?

- As Americans, most of us live better than 99% of the world's population. How do you find Jesus' teaching from 2,000 years ago relevant today?

- Having possessions is not bad, it's what we do with them. How can you better use your possessions for the advancement of God's kingdom (tithing, serving the church, serving others, etc.)?

5. Pastor Ron gave 4 "L" words to help us surrender everything to Jesus. How can you respond to these this week? Which one will you focus on and why?

BONUS CHALLENGE:

Live generously for the kingdom of God

Find one cause that you can give to over and above your regular giving this week. It can be something small like buying someone's coffee, or something big like donating to an organization. For more ideas, check out the Harvest Cares brochure at myharvest.church.

