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### PRAYER

We are thankful that we can pray to a God who knows suffering first-hand and was able to overcome on our behalf at your Son's death upon a cruel cross. We pray that you would be enthroned in our praises in every season of our lives. We love you, God! In Jesus' name, Amen.

### WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

What is your least favourite season of the year?

### NOTES

## WORD

<sup>17</sup> And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup> And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." <sup>21</sup> And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

[Mark 10:17-27](#) (ESV)

## GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = completely unaware, 10 = absolutely aware), how would you rate your ability to analyse your own character on a daily basis? Why have you rated your ability this way?
2. Jesus is called a "Good Teacher" by the rich young ruler. Jesus asks him why he would call him good when God alone is good. Do you think that Jesus was trying to reference his deity as good? Or do you think it was just a subtle correction from Jesus?

3. The rich young ruler walked away from Jesus because he was wealthy. Wealth is not necessarily bad, but if we see it as our source of sustenance, value, and power, it can be an idol. What are things that you battle with or have battled that can easily become idols in your life?

## PRAYER LIST