



CBC YOUTH

November 2015

Youth praise

Monthly gathering of CBC Youth for the purpose of depth, community, truth, missions, service, discipleship, and prayer.

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DATES TO KNOW

JESUS & THE RICH MAN

Matthew 19:16-26

Matt. 19:16 a man came up to him. Verses 16–22 have been called the story of the “rich young ruler” since he is rich (v. 22), young (v. 20), and a ruler (compare Luke 18:18). He may have been a religious lay leader, quite possibly a Pharisee (because of his effort in following the law). He first addresses Jesus as Teacher, a title of respect. Then he asks what good deed he must do to have eternal life. It is the first occurrence of the expression “eternal life” in Matthew (see Matt. 19:29; 25:46). In the parallel accounts (Mark 10:17–22; Luke 18:18–23), the wording of the question and answer differs somewhat. This seems to be a case of different Gospels reporting different parts of the same conversation.

Matt. 19:17 There is only one who is good. Only in understanding God as infinitely good can the young man discover that good deeds cannot earn eternal life. keep the commandments. Jesus is not teaching that good works can earn eternal life, for in vv. 21–22 he will show the man how far short he falls of keeping the commandments (see Ex. 20:3; Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:36–40). But obedience to the law is also an expression of belief in the God who is the source of all good, including eternal life.

Matt. 19:18–19 Which ones? Jesus gives a representative list of commandments

(compare Ex. 20:1–17; Lev. 19:18; Deut. 5:7–21; Matt. 22:36–40).

Matt. 19:20 All these I have kept. The man implies he has kept not only these, but the entire law, which they represent. Yet he still senses that something is lacking.

Matt. 19:21 If you would be perfect. Jesus wants to turn this man from focusing on external obedience to examining his heart, revealing that his money is his ruling god. give to the poor. The man had surely already given some money to the poor, for this was considered a duty, especially among the Pharisees. But Jesus calls him to give away everything, exchanging the god of wealth for the eternal treasure found in following the one true God. Jesus’ ultimate answer to the question posed in v. 16 (“What . . . must I do to have eternal life?”) is to follow him.

Matt. 19:23 only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. Wealth fools a person into thinking that he or she is self-sufficient apart from God. The general

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November 8 (12:45-2:30) Parent/Youth Picnic in the Parsonage. We want to spend some time with the family...yes, the family.

November 14: Bible Storytelling Seminar: To teach the technique of Bible Storytelling to those that are involved in teaching others about the Bible.

<http://cbchouston.org/storytelling111415.html>

November 15: Church-wide business meeting for CBC Members (1:15 in sanctuary)

November 21: Senior Guys Dinner (RSVP via google calendar)

November 27: ACCESS Thanksgiving Potluck

November 29: Youth Leadership Meeting

December 5: Gracewood Christmas Party. If you want to volunteer, email: david.lee@davidmleepc.com

December 29-January 2: CMC (Chinese Missions Conference) This is our Winter Retreat this year. It’s bigger and just as awesome. Register here:

<http://www.cmcsouth.org/>

attributes of the "rich" are the opposite of those of a "child" (see 18:1-5; 19:13-15).

Matt. 19:24 camel. The largest land animal in Palestine. the eye of a needle. The smallest opening. Jesus paints a picture of something impossible in order to illustrate that even the seemingly impossible is possible with God.

Matt. 19:25 astonished. Wealth was often seen as a sign of God's approval and blessing (see Deut. 28:1-14).

Matt. 19:26 with God all things are possible. This is seen in the conversions of rich men like Joseph of Arimathea (27:57) and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:9-10).

(taken from ESV Study Bible)

the LUNCH project

The challenge for CBC Youth for the month of November is what we're going to call "the LUNCH project" What is this?

Who do you sit with at lunch usually? With friends? By yourself? With a squirrel? Well...as we continue to learn about how Jesus approaches people we want to follow after his example. He goes into places and he sits with and eats with people on purpose.

And that's what we're asking you to do. For an entire month, before you go into the lunch room ask,

"God, who do you want me to sit with today?"

And then with great courage and conviction go and sit and ask to eat lunch with them. As you get to know people, we want you to get to know them and their story. And then perhaps as the conversations grow, see where they are at with this Jesus person. Do they have doubts? Do they follow him? Do they think he's awesome? Crazy?

Everyone eats lunch...our challenge to you is to do this with purpose.



WORLD CHANGERS 2016

CBC IS HEADED TO FT WORTH TEXAS ON JUNE 20-25TH. SPACES ARE LIMITED SO DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS AWESOME EXPERIENCE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL WHILE REPAIRING HOUSES AND COMMUNITIES.

Registration will open soon.

More info at:

www.lifeway.com/worldchangers

Resources for the month



- November Leadership Study Guide: See servant team member or adult youth leader
- Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem. Systematic theology is a discipline of Christian theology that formulates an orderly, rational, and coherent account of the Christian faith and beliefs. Subdisciplines are dogmatics, ethics and philosophy of religion.

