

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Proper 23B

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MAIN POINT

Jesus calls us to give up anything that might stop us from following him

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' Mark 10:24-25

ADDRESS

One day a man came to Jesus and asked what he had to do to get into heaven. When Jesus told the man about all the commandments, the man said that he had obeyed every single one of the commandments for his whole life. Do you think that was true?

e.g. probably not

Jesus knew this, so he told the man to give up absolutely everything he owned and give away all his money to people who were poor, and to follow Jesus. When he heard this, the man was very sad. He was very rich and wasn't happy about giving up everything to follow Jesus. Why do you think he was sad about this?

e.g. He loved his money and things a lot

That tells us that the man really didn't obey all the commandments because he broke the very first one, "I am the Lord your God. You should not have any other gods except me." What was the most important thing in the man's life?

e.g. his money and things

Jesus wants us to remember that if we want to follow him and be his disciples then we must make him the most important part of our life every day. What are some ways we can do this?

PRAYER

Dear God, help us to follow you and to be your disciples. Help us to make you the most important part of our lives. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home*, *Worship Notes* or another resource before the children return to their seats.

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