

Kicks & Conversations

Part 1: What You're Missing

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

If you decide to follow Jesus, you learn that it costs you something. But what do you miss out on by not following Jesus?

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Story of the Rich Young Ruler (Mark 10:17-22)
 - The rich young ruler had wealth, power, and influence. He was also searching for more.
 - He asks and assumes that there's something he can do to have eternal life.
 - Eternal life is a gift you receive because of what Jesus has done for you.
 - Jesus looked at him and loved him... | Mark 10:21
 - No matter what's going on with you, Jesus looks right at you and loves you.
 - Don't feel bad for what the young man had to give up; feel bad for what he missed out on.
 - Jesus didn't want his money. Jesus wanted his heart.
 - What Jesus has to offer is so much better than anything you have to lose.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **What shoes are the favorite ones you've ever owned?**
2. The rich young ruler in the book of Mark falls into the same pattern many of us do: believing that I need to *do something* for eternal life. **Are there sometimes things you feel you need to do in order to be right with God, beyond trusting what Jesus has already done for you?**
3. There can be a cost to following Jesus. **As you consider what it means to follow Jesus in your life, what's something you're afraid to give up or that's difficult for you to let go of?**
4. **If you've followed Jesus for any amount of time, do you think the benefit of following Jesus outweighs the cost? Explain.**