

**How to go to heaven (According to Jesus)**  
**Discussion Questions for Mark 10:17-31**

1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being wealthy?
2. Why do you think most people want to be rich?
3. What was the attitude of the wealthy man as he came to Jesus? (10:17)
4. What did the man want Jesus to explain to him? (10:17)
5. Why did Jesus say to the man, “No one is good, except God alone”? (10:18)
6. How did Jesus explain the way to inherit eternal life? (10:19–21)
7. How did the rich man respond to Jesus? (10:20)
8. What does the rich man’s answer to Jesus tell us about his spiritual state? (10:20)
9. What attitude did Jesus have toward the rich man? (10:21)
10. What was difficult about the instruction that Jesus gave the young man? (10:21–22)
11. In what way would selling all of his earthly possessions give the wealthy man “treasure in heaven”? (10:21)
12. Why could the man not obey Christ’s instructions? (10:22)
13. What did Jesus mean when He said, “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of the needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God”? (10:24–25)
14. When the disciples were astonished and dismayed at Jesus’ words, how did He encourage them? (10:26–27)
15. How did Peter respond to this situation? (10:28)
16. With what promise did Jesus conclude His teaching in this passage? (10:29–31)
17. Why do you think Jesus demanded such a tall order from this man?
18. In what way can money stop us from doing what God wants?

19. How can wealth interfere with a person's Christian faith?
20. What have you ever sacrificed for the sake of following Christ?
21. What interferes with your walk with the Lord?
22. How do you think God wants you to use the material wealth He has given you?
23. How can we prevent ourselves from allowing wealth to interfere with our Christianity?
24. What can you learn about Jesus from His actions in this story?
25. What can we learn through the negative example of the rich young man in this episode?
26. What makes it difficult for a rich person to be saved?
27. What makes it difficult for anyone, rich or poor, to enter the kingdom of God?
28. What can you give to the poor? How?
29. What practical steps can we take to insure that we place value on eternal things and not merely on material things?
30. What can you sell or give away in the near future to reflect a concern for God's kingdom over things?
31. What is one distraction you can set aside from your routine this week to help you concentrate more on devotion to Christ?