



Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

Mark 10:17-31

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Saving Lord, you know there is nothing we can do to save ourselves. Make us joyful in your promise of eternal life, which is ours because you choose to give it, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." (Mark 10:26-27)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

A rich young man asked Jesus how he might inherit eternal life, perhaps believing he was already on the right track. When Jesus challenged him to sell his possessions, he recoiled. But eternal life isn't a gift we can earn. It is a gift from God for whom "all things are possible."



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household or community.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Money can't buy happiness, but there is a certain level of income that studies have shown to offer stability, and therefore happiness. What amount of money does it take for a human to survive? How can we reconcile that with the notion that earthly possessions are not the way to eternal life?

What would you struggle to give up if you were asked to?

For the littles: What is your favorite toy? Could you give it away?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God fill you with peace and the trust that you will be fulfilled in ways that far outreach our understanding. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Practice relying less on possessions. Go through your closets and pack at least one bag to donate. Challenge yourself to give up more than you might normally give up.



Go Deeper: Go to bit.ly/daily-devotions-rcl for the daily readings!

Monday, Psalm 39; Job 26:1-14; Revelation 7:9-17

Tuesday, Psalm 39; Job 28:12-29:10; Revelation 8:1-5

Wednesday, Psalm 39; Job 32:1-22; Luke 16:19-31

Thursday, Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 36:1-16; Romans 15:7-13

Friday, Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 37:1-24; Revelation 17:1-18

Saturday, Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 39:1-30; Luke 22:24-30