

**Week Four: *What About...Good People?***  
***Matthew 19:16-26***

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day One**

1. What do you think “good enough” means? When is “good enough” good enough? Are there points in time where this is the case? If so, when? Do you think good enough should apply to our spiritual journey?
2. Read Matthew 19:16-17. What was the young man trying to get from Jesus?
3. What was Jesus trying to show the young man?
4. What do you think is required to receive eternal life? What does God say is required for eternal life? See Romans 6:23, Acts 16:33, and Ephesians 2:8-9.
5. Spend the rest of your FIFTEEN considering your eternal life. When did you receive God’s gift to you?\* Was it in your baptism? Was it through a specific time and place? Has it been a gradual journey to come to know God and receive eternal life from him? Finally, end in prayer, thanking God for his gift of eternal life for you.

\*If you are not sure, we’d love to talk to about the gift of Baptism. More information can be found at [pathfinderstl.org/baptism](http://pathfinderstl.org/baptism).

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day Two**

6. When you think about the Ten Commandments, what do you visualize: a list of don’ts, a limiting agent on fun, rules that remind you how you don’t measure up? What messaging do you have personally around the Ten Commandments?
7. Read Matthew 19:16-19. What do you think the young man’s view on the Ten Commandments was?
8. How does Jesus view the Ten Commandments? Read Leviticus 18:5 or Galatians 3:12. The Ten Commandments are also known as the law. What is the purpose of the law?
9. Martin Luther wrote an explanation of the commandments, which focused on the positives of each commandment. <https://catechism.cph.org/en/10-commandments.html> How would you summarize each commandment in a positive light?
10. Thank God that our salvation does not rest on our ability to keep the Ten Commandments. End your FIFTEEN in prayer by praising God for how his law teaches us how to love one another in better ways.

### **Spend FIFTEEN – Day Three**

11. Read Matthew 19:16-22. What is getting in the way of the young man following Jesus?
12. What gets in your way of knowing and following Jesus?
13. Read Mark 10:17-22. The same story is told from the disciple Peter's point of view. What does Peter add to the story? (Hint: read verse 21.)
14. When you think of Jesus talking with you about your life, do you see him speaking to you and looking at you with love? Why or why not?
15. Thank God that nothing gets in the way of his perfect love for you. As you finish your FIFTEEN, ask him to help you work through stumbling blocks that you have to knowing him better.

### **Spend FIFTEEN – Day Four**

16. Read Matthew 19:23-24. What does Jesus say is hard? Why would Jesus say that?
17. Are earthly riches the only thing that make it difficult to follow Jesus? Why or why not?
18. Read Matthew 19:25-26. What does Jesus say is impossible for God?
19. Look at Genesis 18:14, Jeremiah 32:17, and Luke 1:37. Each verse references that nothing is too difficult for God. What biblical event does each verse refer to?
20. What examples can you think of where something seemed impossible for God to overcome but God did something?
21. God is living and active in our world today. As you end your FIFTEEN, thank God for his activity. Ask him to open your eyes and make you more aware of what he is doing in the life of your church, your family, and you personally. Then chose one for the following songs to listen to:
  - a. *Ah Lord God* by Don Moen based on Job 42:2. It's an oldie...and rather catchy...so be thankful this version is only 1:40 long. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jpM-rPD0TPs>
  - b. *Nothing is Impossible* by Planetshakers Live - Bethel Church  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbSPw7f3Fxl>

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day Five**

22. After studying God's Word this week, do you think that good enough is still good enough? Why or why not?
23. In Matthew 19, the young man thought that he would be given eternal life by obeying the law (the Ten Commandments). What does God's Word say about the law? Read Romans 3:20 and Galatians 3:21-25.
24. The law can act like a mirror because "through the law we become conscious of sin" (Romans 3:20). When you look at the Ten Commandments, what do you see in yourself?
25. Reread Galatians 3:24. Who does the law lead us to?
26. Thanks be to God for his gracious provision of Jesus' death and resurrection for us to live differently! End your FIFTEEN in praise and thanksgiving!