

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of January 20-26, 2025

## “GOD OF ALL POSSIBILITIES”

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### GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Have you ever experienced a situation where you had to give up something important to you? What was it, and how did it affect you?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

**Read Matthew 19:16-26.**

1. What do you think the rich young ruler was really asking when he questioned Jesus about how to obtain eternal life? The young man claims he has kept all the commandments. Why might he have said this with confidence? How can we avoid self-deception about our own righteousness?
2. The rich young ruler went away sad (verse 22). In what areas of your life are you tempted to hold on to things too tightly, whether it's money, possessions, or relationships? Is there an area God is calling you to surrender in order to follow him more fully?
3. The disciples are astonished by Jesus' statement about the difficulty of a rich man entering the kingdom of heaven. What did this reveal about the disciples' understanding of success, wealth, and God's kingdom? Can you think of examples that this understanding of success and prosperity can be seen today?
4. Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10: Paul warns that “the love of money is the root of all evil.” How does this perspective on wealth align with Jesus' teaching in Matthew 19?
5. If someone in your group feels discouraged about their ability to follow Jesus after hearing this passage, how would you encourage them based on what Jesus says in Matthew 19:26, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible”?

### NEXT STEPS

*Don't let your past failures or your current reality define you. Let God define you.*

- ☐ I will find my security in Christ alone.
- ☐ I will not let earthly things and pursuits take my focus away from Jesus.
- ☐ I depend on Christ's finished work on the cross.
- ☐ I will daily trust in the power and sufficiency of God's grace.

*Don't forget to:*

- ☐ Go through the devotionals every day this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.

### CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray two grow in your relationship with Jesus this 2025 and to rely on his grace to sustain you daily.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

### BIBLE READING GUIDE

January 20	Matthew 19:16-26
January 21	Luke 12:15-21
January 22	Genesis 13:5-12
January 23	Romans 3:10-18
January 24	Matthew 27:62-28:8
January 25	Psalms 41:1-13
January 26	Mark 1:1-8