



SUMMER READING

The Gospel of Matthew

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Introduction:

We're exploring the Gospel of Matthew all summer long.

Scripture:

Someone came to Jesus with this question: "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?"

"Why ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments."

"Which ones?" the man asked.

And Jesus replied: "You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself."

"I've obeyed all these commandments," the young man replied. "What else must I do?"

Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

— Matthew 19:16



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Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be perfect? Is it possible? Is it necessary to be perfect?
2. When have you felt that life is not fair?
3. What would you get if you actually got what you deserve?
4. What do you do when it feels like life is not fair?
5. How has comparison impacted your life? Your joy? Your performance in work, school, sports, etc?
6. What do you hope is different in your life 5 years from now?