

Weekly Discussion Guide – 3-15-2026

The Way of the Cross, Week 4: “What Costs Most”

Text: Luke 18:18-30

1. What has your Lenten journey been like up to this point?
2. What do you consider the most valuable things in your life? (including but not limited to material possessions)
3. **Read Luke 18:15-30.** What stands out to you most in this passage? Why do you think that caught your attention? What *resonates* with you? Where do you feel *resistance*?
4. What do you notice about the connection between the story of the children (18:15-17) and the story of the rich ruler (18:18-30)? Why do you think Luke places these stories side by side?
5. The wealthy ruler (who Matthew also tells us is young) has three things many believe will make them happy: security, esteem, and power. Where do you see those same desires at work in our culture today? Where do you see them in yourself?
6. The ruler asks, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” What do you think he was really asking? What do you think people often mean when they ask spiritual questions like that today?
7. What does the man’s response suggest about what Jesus was asking of him specifically? What does this teach us about what we consider most valuable while we seek to follow Jesus?
8. What is one small, concrete way you sense Jesus inviting you to trust Him more in this season - letting go of something, obeying in something, giving something, saying yes to something, saying no to something? Take a moment to pray about this, then pray for one another about this.