

## IGNITE: *Lavish Living*

### Matthew 19:16-26

- i. The young College student came to me with tears in his eyes after reading this text...
- ii. What a zinger text for us.

#### I. WE COULD TALK ABOUT...

- a. The question the rich man asked—“What must I do to get eternal life?”
- b. The response of Jesus to the question—God is the only good one around, and enter life, not eternal life by obeying commands.
  - i. No one can do anything to have a whole life or eternal life.
  - ii. God does it every day for us.
- c. The second question about which ones:
  - i. The social aspect of commandments
  - ii. Plus love your neighbor as yourself
- d. The meaning of perfect:
  - i. To the Greeks it meant virtue—in his mind the man possessed this, an overly spiritualized version of what he was being called to. Very similar in the United States today.
  - ii. To Hebrews it meant completeness in a way that was:
    - 1. Unlimited in love for the other
    - 2. Total obedience to God
    - 3. Total commitment to Christ
- e. Who is this text meant for?
  - i. The wealthiest 1% in the US?
  - ii. The wealthiest 1% globally?
  - iii. For all of us.
- f. What does this text mean?
  - i. We cannot “do” anything to “get” eternal life—God does that for us in Christ.
  - ii. We can sell out to deep discipleship by selling our stuff, giving it to the poor and enemies and follow Christ

#### II. WE WILL TALK ABOUT THIS...

- a. How to make our lives one long gift to others!
- b. He is one the world’s leading mystery fiction writers...

#### ONE FINAL QUESTION:

As a result of this text what is God saying to you regarding your deep discipleship?