



## Week One | Beggars Can't Be Choosers | 09.26-27.2020

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** Life is not fair, and it was never promised to be so, but that doesn't mean we like it or are okay with it. But what Jesus shows us is that it is much better for us if this life is not fair. We want "good enough" to be good enough, but because of God's goodness, we get to put our trust in Jesus and hope in an eternal life that is far greater than anything we could even imagine.

### » Opening

(3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
  - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
  - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
  - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

### » Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: Where do you have a blind spot?
- Digging Deeper: What can our blind spots reveal about how we try to manage our performance?

### » Observation | Read Matthew 19:16-30

(15 minutes)

- What is your initial reaction to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

### » Key Principle | Our good enough is never enough.

(15 minutes)

- What have you given up on this year?
- What are some things we put before God in our lives? What happens when we do this?

### » Manage Performance | Reference Matthew 19:16-22

(15 minutes)

- The rich young man asks what good enough for heaven looks like. Have you ever wondered about that? Why or why not?
- What are the qualifications that you can lean on if you're not careful as being 'good enough' for God?

### » Abandon Pride | Reference Matthew 19:23-30

(15 minutes)

- Jesus makes it clear that it is only when we abandon our pride and accept His grace that we are saved. What prideful areas of your life do you need to own and abandon?
- Faith in Christ, not in self or riches, is what counts. On what do some count on for their salvation?

### » Next Steps and Prayer |

(15 minutes)

- Consider the most powerful or well-known people in our world - how many got where they are by being humble, self-sacrificing, and gentle? What does this reveal about what our culture places its value and trust in? How can we live differently?
- Where can you dare for more than fair? What would this look like in your life right now?
- Close by praying for each other to remember that God is so much bigger than the things we are facing today, and He can be trusted with it all.