

ONE CONVERSATION

Parents: Begin by asking God to examine your own heart and ask Him to help you discern what you place most value in. Make confession a part of your daily life as you seek to grow in your relationship with Christ. Seek to make reading the Bible and prayer a consistent part of your daily life. If you do not have a plan, consider using the Bible Reading Plan that is a part of your student's Personal Study Guide. It provides a plan for you to read Matthew together.

We often aren't aware of the gravity of our own sin. We think we are good people because in comparison to the really bad people in the world, we are good. However, on the day of judgment, we will not be measured against any other person, we will be measured against the holy God of creation whose law we have not kept! This is bad news for us, but thankfully Jesus came to deliver good news. Jesus offers to bear the weight of our sin through His death and resurrection and to give us new life. Accepting this good news, however, requires repentance—we must turn away from those things that have captured our hearts more deeply than God. The story of the rich young man in Matthew 19:16-26 should challenge us to turn away from the idols of our hearts and to see that Jesus is valuable beyond compare.

CENTRAL TRUTH

Jesus is valuable beyond compare and will not allow us to give our hearts to lesser things.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

› **Dwell:** In order to identify the potential idols in your life hindering your relationship with Jesus, journal your answers to a few of the following questions:

- What are you willing to disobey God to get (it could be a relationship, a possession, or even your reputation)?
- What are you willing to disobey God in order to keep?
- I am only happy if _____.
- I cannot be happy unless _____.
- I only feel safe when _____.
- I won't feel safe unless _____.
- My life only has meaning if _____.
- My life is without meaning unless _____.

› **Memorize:** Matthew 19:26

› **Pray:** Confess the idols that your answers to the Dwell questions revealed. Ask God to help you rely on Jesus in your battle against the selfish desires that are keeping you from a deeper, more joy filled walk with Christ. Thank God for sending Jesus to save you and give you life. Thank Him for the free gift of eternal life that is yours in Christ.