

Luke 18:18-30 (See corollary passages in Matthew 19 & Mark 10)

1. What, if anything, did the rich ruler's question reveal about his attitude / motivation in approaching Jesus?
2. Why did Jesus answer his question if only "God alone" was qualified? What does this tell us about Jesus' understanding of his own identity?
3. Why does Jesus use the "horizontal commands" in his response instead of the vertical ones referring to man's relationship with God?
4. What was Jesus offering in addressing the "one thing" the ruler lacked?
5. The man was "very sad" because he was "extremely wealthy." What is it about worldly riches that dull our senses towards God and our need for redemption? Do you see any of this in your own life? What wouldn't you sell and give to the poor in order to follow Jesus?
6. Peter's insight about becoming impoverished in order to follow Jesus "we have left..." is a statement that really seems to be a question. What is at the core of Peter's question?
7. How does the two-fold promise of Jesus' response speak to us today?