

## Reading Tracks

### TRACK ONE

Follow along with basics of the story in a short selection of readings this week..

Monday: Mark 10:17-22

Tuesday: Mark 10:23-31

Wednesday: Mark 10:32-34

Thursday: Mark 10:35-45

Friday: Matthew 19:16-22

Saturday: Matthew 13:44

### TRACK TWO

Get a little bigger perspective by reading assigned sections from *The Story* © 2011 by Zondervan.

Read page 341 this week.

### TRACK THREE

Get the whole story by reading through most of the Bible in longer sections.

In your Bible, read Luke 19-24 this week.

## This Week's Scripture Memory Verse

Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." Mark 10:21 (NIV)

## Next Week in Worship

**Next Week's Message:** *He Never Wrote a Book*

**Next Week's Readings:** Mark 10:32-34, Matthew 5:14-16

Jesus called people to be his disciples and to follow in His way. When *The Big God Story* continues next week, we'll learn about the community of Jesus' followers and God's plan for them to be his ongoing legacy and witness in the world.



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# Group Discussion

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## Connect

Have you been a fan of a celebrity or sports team or leader of some kind? What is it that draws (or drew) you to them?

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## Learn

**Read Mark 2:1-4** for an example of the crowds that gathered around Jesus. In other examples, Jewish leaders were even afraid to challenge Jesus because they were afraid of the response of the crowds.

- What do you think made Jesus so popular? How did he get so many fans?
- If you described your experience as a fan in this week's "Connect" question, you probably said what it was that made you a fan. Can you imagine telling someone else what it is that you like so much?
- Think about this from the perspective of sharing Jesus with others. Can you imagine telling someone else what it is that you like so much about Jesus? — Why might that be harder? ...In what way is it similar?

**Read Mark 10:17-22.**

- How would you describe the relationship between Jesus and this man? Does it change over the course of the story?
- Try to put yourself in this man's shoes as he walks away. What is his thought process. Why does he make the choice he makes?
- **Read Matthew 13:44.** Try to put yourself in this man's shoes. What is his thought process. Why does he make the choice he makes?

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## Apply

The call to discipleship has a different shape in each of our lives. One way to put to question of discipleship for each of us is: Who would Jesus be if he were you? Think of some area of your life or some relationship you have, and try to use your imagination: If Jesus were living your life, would he approach that area of your life differently? How so? Is there something you can do this week to follow Jesus' lead in your life?

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## Pray

The call to follow Jesus isn't a call that we can follow entirely on our own strength. Share with one another how you need the help of God's Spirit to strengthen your walk with Christ, and pray for those needs for each other.