

# DISCIPLESHIP

“BEING A DISCIPLE MEANS BEING CONSTANTLY READY TO BRING THE LOVE OF JESUS TO OTHERS, AND THIS CAN HAPPEN UNEXPECTEDLY AND IN ANY PLACE: ON THE STREET, IN A CITY SQUARE, DURING WORK, ON A JOURNEY.” POPE FRANCIS



## WORD OF THE WEEK MARK 10: 17-27

In this week's Word of the Week Jesus challenges the rich young man saying he should sell everything he owns, give to the poor and follow Him. Jesus knew this would be a huge challenge for the young man because of his great wealth.

Jesus had challenged him in this way because Jesus invites us all to follow him wholeheartedly, which sometimes means letting go of things that hold us back- like selfish desires, bad habits, or even material things that distract us from God. Jesus is challenging us this week to pray about how we can prioritise our relationship with God and trust in his plan for us.

What is something in your life that you might need to let go of to grow closer to God?  
How can you focus more on the things that truly matter?

And as he [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honour your father and mother.’” And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”



### Prayer for the week

**Dear Jesus, thank you for teaching us how to follow You. Help us to put your first in our lives and to be kind and generous to others. Even when it's hard, we trust that You will help us. We want to be Your disciples and walk in Your ways. Thank you for being with us, for teaching us and for leading us.**  
**Amen**





## Discipleship is a journey, not perfection

**Sometimes we think we have to be perfect to be disciple, but discipleship is a journey, not a destination. Even the disciples in the Bible made mistakes, but they kept following Jesus, learning, and growing. Being a disciple means staying close to Jesus, even when we stumble.**

**Do you sometimes feel like you're not good enough to follow Jesus? Can you think of a time when you have felt like this?**

**Take moment in silence prayer now to offer to God any mistakes that you feel hold you back from Him. Now we continue on the journey of discipleship knowing that God always forgives.**

## Discipleship in a World of Distractions

We live in a world full of distractions- social media, entertainment, and constant pressure to succeed. It can be hard to stay focused on Jesus and live as His disciple when so many things pull our attention away.

Take time to reflect: How much time do I spend with God each day? Am I distracted by things that don't really matter? How can I set aside time to grow in my relationship with Jesus?



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*"The first things for a disciple is to be with the Master, to listen to Him, and to learn from Him."*

Pope Francis

## Discipleship means serving others

**Jesus teaches that true discipleship involved serving others, not just looking out for ourselves. Whether it's helping a friend in need, standing up for someone being treated unfairly, or simply being kind, discipleship is about putting others before ourselves.**

**How can you serve others today? Think about a way you can help someone in need or show kindness, even if it's something small.**

