

Week 3 - WHAT MUST I DO?

Watch Lesson 3: What Must I Do? (23:16 minutes)

Story Recap

From his high-rise office, Darren reflects on Eric's transformation from cutthroat businessman to compassionate Christ-follower. Darren's Christian convictions are initially rattled by Eric's business ethic, but, as Eric coldly explains, "This isn't church. It's business." By the time Eric has a change of heart, Darren has learned to compartmentalize his faith and to view conscience as an obstacle to prosperity. When both men are asked to skirt their stated Christian convictions for the sake of keeping their jobs, Eric courageously follows the way of Christ and Darren walks away sad.

Story Questions

Where does Darren get his map? What is his source of direction? Why would he accept a life map from this source? Why would Darren hold onto this map for his life after the one who gave it to him – Eric – basically tears up the map and throws it away as worthless?

What do you make of the symbolism of Darren tossing the heart back in the box and eventually passing it on to Kyle?

Going Deeper

Read Matthew 19:16-30.

This young man went away sad.

1. Why sad? He still has his money, his status, and all the freedom that comes with those privileges.

Jesus said it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God, and the disciples are surprised at this statement because in that era people considered the reality to be just the opposite. The rich were believed to be rich because they were blessed by God. Plus the rich had time to study the Scriptures so as to better know God's will. The rich also had the resources to give large amounts to the temple treasury and to the poor, and thereby gain greater favour with God. In the case of this rich man, he knew the commandments and seemingly tried to keep the Law meticulously.

2. So why would it be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God, considering these advantages?
3. In v. 29 we find Jesus saying that whatever anyone gives up for Him, they will receive a hundred times as much. What do you think he means by this? Is it literal? Figurative? What does it mean for you?

Personal Challenge

1. "The problem wasn't that he had money; the problem was money had him."
 - a. Has anything ever had you? What was it like?
 - b. Is there anything that just might have you now?
 - c. Can a person follow Jesus and yet not give away or sell everything?
2. "If you're unsure if you're a fan or a follower, then ask yourself this: When is the last time my relationship with Jesus cost me something?
 1. Have you found it to be true that when you give up something significant for Jesus, that some time later you don't regret it or miss it, but rather it feels like an honour? Can you give an example (without feeling like you are bragging)?
4. What, if anything, do you think Jesus is asking you to give up these days?
 - a. How do you determine that He is asking this of you?
 - b. What do you see yourself doing about this sense?