

Cross of Hope Making Faith Connections Small Group Ministry Schedule
October 10, 2021 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Jesus: A Merciful Messiah – Radical Giving

15 Minutes

Gathering, Hospitality, Check-in with Each Other...

Share about a time when you felt the sacrifice of giving.
What was the impact on you? Others?

Opening Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

45 Minutes

Discussion Questions: Jesus: A Merciful Messiah – Radical Giving

Mark 10:17-31

Read again Mark 10: 17-31

How does this story and teaching both challenge and comfort?

Why do you suppose this obviously devote Jewish man ask Jesus ‘What must I do to inherit eternal life?’

What do you make of Jesus 2-part reply? vv. 19; 21

The second part comes after it says Jesus ‘loved him.’

How is his call to radical giving a statement of love and mercy?

What do you make of the man’s response?

How about the disciples’ response after v23?

React to the truth that ‘all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.’

How do we see this truth in this story?

How does the good news in v.27 free us to radical, sacrificial giving?

Why is radical, sacrificial giving an important part of the Christian journey?

Connect it to the consistent refrain in v. 31.

What are some ways you rejoice and give thanks for good news that ‘by the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.’

20 Minutes

Prayer Requests and Prayer

10 Minutes

Wrap Up and Get Ready to Leave Session: Conversation about details for the next session...place, day, time, and volunteer Host. Remember...bring a Bible, watch the Sunday worship and sermon in preparation for the group session.

Maximum amount of time...90 minutes. Time used for each component is

flexible depending on the agreed upon needs of the group for that session.