

Read Luke 18:18-27

What was the underlying problem in this rich ruler's life that Jesus addressed?

None of us consider ourselves rich because we compare ourselves with our more affluent neighbours. But compared to the rest of the world, we are wealthy. Why is it important to hear Jesus' words about the rich addressed to us?

What do you think Jesus meant by the saying about the camel and the eye of the needle (v25)?

Why is it so hard for the rich to enter the kingdom of heaven? What did Jesus mean by this?

In what ways is money a seductive, addictive power in our lives? Have you experienced this?

Reuben mentioned two things we can do to free ourselves from the love of money:

1. Generosity.

How does giving money away help our own attitude toward money?

Discuss some practice ways we can cultivate generosity in our lives.

2. Simplicity and contentment.

How can we increase our contentment with the money/possessions we already have, rather than constantly clamouring for more?

What is one step you could take to develop a more simple lifestyle in regard to money and material things?