

Moment of Truth

Week of July 15-July 22



This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Before using the study in your life group, it might be helpful to work through the questions on your own before your group meets. The purpose of this guide is to help facilitate discussion and to help your group, collectively and individually, grow closer to Jesus.

SERIES RECAP

In this series we are studying the Red Letters in the New Testament—the words of Jesus Himself. The New Testament records many encounters with Jesus. Each encounter reveals something about the nature of Jesus, enabling us to more deeply understand His mission.

SERMON SUMMARY

Moments of truth with Jesus give us a chance to see what we truly need and shift our devotion. No matter how much we lack, God has the power to enable us to live fully for Him.

MAIN TEXT

Mark 10:17-31; Matthew 6:24

GETTING STARTED

Do you have any funny or scary “moment of truth” stories? Share one.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Mark 10:17-31.
2. Have you ever been able to resonate with the ruler’s feeling that something was still missing? Explain.
3. What can you learn about Jesus from His encounter with the rich young ruler?
4. Why was it difficult for the ruler to see what he was lacking?
5. Have you ever invited Jesus to show you what you needed? What happened?
6. Read Matthew 6:24.

7. Along with money, what are some of the most common things that Christians make their “master” instead of Jesus? What about you?
8. What would it look like in your life to be “all in” this season? What would you surrender?
9. How has this week’s sermon challenged/reinforced where you place your devotion and attention?
10. How is God asking that you respond?

NEXT STEPS

We must choose to make Jesus our one and only Master. With His power invested in you, what step will you take towards a fuller devotion?

DISCIPLESHIP STORY

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Genesis 22:1-19

Abraham is Tested

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What exactly does God ask of Abraham?
3. Why would God make this kind of request?
4. What is the significance behind Abraham sacrificing Isaac?
5. Can you observe anything about the relationship between Abraham and Isaac?
6. What kind of questions might Abraham have been asking?
7. What does Abraham’s willingness to give up his son tell you about him? Man in general?
8. What did you learn about God in this passage?
9. How is God asking that you respond?