

Sermon Notes
March 26, 2017

“Treasure in Heaven”
Matthew 19:16-26
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This man would have known that every rabbi answered the question about eternal life in terms of keeping the commandments and offering sacrifices. Why do you think that, despite his sense that he has kept the commandments well, he still feels he lacks something (verse 20)?

- Starting with John 10:10 and 1 John 5:11-13, see some of the Bible’s 60+ references to “eternal life” noting that it’s richer than simply physical existence that never ends.

Jesus tells the man that to get what he wants he must part with something that is precious to him (verse 21). What are some examples in your life in which receiving something good meant making a difficult, sacrificial choice?

Why is it good news to recognize that it is impossible to “enter the kingdom of heaven” (verse 23) or to “be saved” (verse 25) by our own human efforts?