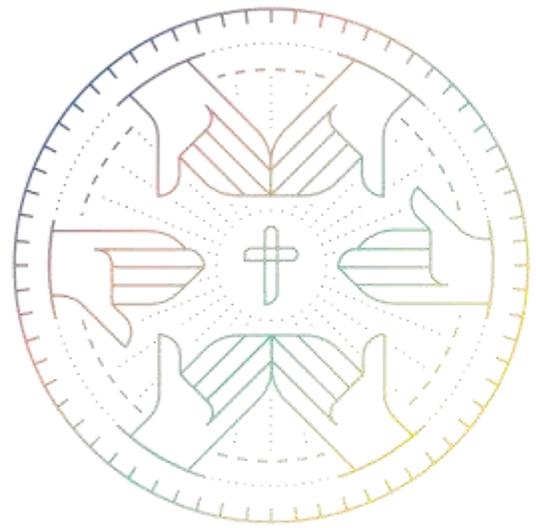


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## ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What do you consider your greatest accomplishment?

OR

Jesus' question to the rich young ruler helped change his perspective. Has someone ever asked you a question that helped you shift your perspective and grow in your faith? What was it?

## INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

**Read Mark 10:17-27.**

What stood out to you the most from this week's sermon?

## INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

**Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.** The young man was focused on his spiritual achievements and on paper, looked like he would have made a great disciple. However, Jesus wants him to see that he needed to shift his perspective. What accomplishments did he view in the wrong way?

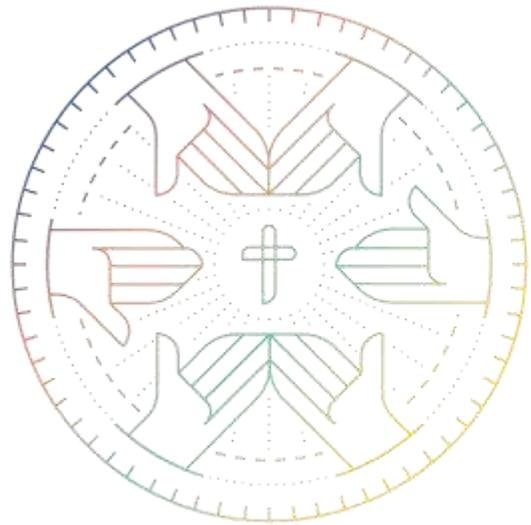
**Read Galatians 2:21 and Proverbs 11:4-8.** Where does spiritual achievement lead us? If we think this way, what does it cause in us?

**Read Matthew 6:33, Romans 3:21-26, and Philippians 3:4-11.** Jesus' question to the rich young man was to help him see there is a difference between spiritual achievements and true righteousness. What do these verses tell us true righteousness is? Who or where does it come from? What should it look like in our lives?

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## **APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)**

How do you tend to over-emphasize spiritual achievements in your own life? What are you tempted to focus on that creates a false sense of security?

What do you do currently to shift your focus from spiritual achievements to righteousness? How do you see God working out righteousness in your life now?

God is pleased when we have faith, turn from sin, love Him, and love people. What steps can you take to do these things in your day-to-day life?

Have you accepted Jesus' invitation to surrender false security and follow Him, our true security? If so, what is one way you can continue to surrender to Him this week or during this season of life? If not, are you ready to take that next step of surrender?

## **PRAYER (10 MINUTES)**

Our Savior and Lord Jesus, thank you for loving us enough to call us to follow You. We thank you for your kindness and care in paying the penalty for our sin by dying on the cross and offering us eternal life in You through faith. We thank you for working out righteousness in us as we choose to follow You. We ask that You help us focus not on spiritual achievements, but on the true righteousness that comes through following You, and we ask for forgiveness for the times we have not. You are compassionate and good and we trust that You are our true security. Amen.