



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Week of September 10, 2023*

### **Sermon Text Luke 18:18-27**

***[18] And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” [19] And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. [20] You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’” [21] And he said, “All these I have kept from my youth.” [22] When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” [23] But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. [24] Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, “How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! [25] For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” [26] Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” [27] But he said, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”***

*If you were not able to listen to this week’s sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermons/page/1>.*

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Suppose you had a son or daughter who was dating a wealthy, successful, moral, spiritually minded person. Would you be overjoyed? If so, why? What is the most important characteristic of a person who would be suitable to date/marry your son or daughter? How should you raise your children to share your views on this?
2. Should wealthy Christians sell all they have and give it to the poor? Why or why not? Why do you think Jesus tells the rich ruler to do so?
3. What are some of the “shiny things” (or not-so-shiny things) in life that people can’t let go of? In what ways have you been like the rich ruler in your own life?
4. Why can’t a person have two masters? I.e. Why can’t we love and serve both God and money?
5. In light of how difficult it is for a rich person to be saved, what do you think Jesus meant when He said, “What is impossible with man is possible with God”? How can a rich person, or any person for that matter, be saved?

