

ENCOUNTERS
with Christ

A Defining Encounter
Message 7

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► **Outline**

"Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."

Matthew 6:21 (NLT)

A. An encounter with Christ will reveal

and _____ my character.

B. My character is defined by the...

1. Desires of my _____.

(Mark 10:17-18. C/R: Psalm 26:2; 73:26; Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 5:8)

2. Dedication I have to _____.

(Mark 10:19-20. C/R: Exodus 20:12-16; Matthew 22:37-40; Philippians 2:4)

3. Distribution of my _____.

(Mark 10:21,28-31. C/R: Malachi 3:10; Matthew 6:19-21; James 2:14-17; 1 John 3:17)

4. Direction of my _____.

(Mark 10:22-27. C/R: Exodus 20:3; Psalm 135:15-17; Matthew 22:37-38; John 4:23)

Answers: A. define B. 1. heart 2. others 3. riches 4. worship

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

What was your most prized possession as a kid?

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Mark 10:17-31](#).

1. Do you think the man was sincere? Why or why not?
2. What did Jesus see when He looked at the man?
3. What do you think Jesus wanted the man to learn when He told him to sell his possessions?
4. In what ways have you made Christianity about earning and deserving rather than relationship?
5. What are advantages and disadvantages of being wealthy?
6. The man could have walked away angry or confused, but he walked away sad. What does that tell you about him? Can you relate to him?
7. What difference would it make in your life if you realized God gives us more than we ever give Him?

8. Why is it so hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God ([vs. 25](#))?
9. What does this passage teach you about Jesus?
10. What is Jesus' primary challenge or message to you from this week's teaching?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is like training for the soul. If you build these into your everyday life, you're sure to strengthen your relationship with God.

Walk through your home or office, and in your mind give all you have to God. Tell Him you could live without the things you see and spend time releasing whatever has a grip on you. Surrender your life to Jesus, trusting Him alone for salvation and for taking care of your daily needs.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [Matthew 6:19-21](#)

Day 4: [Psalm 95:1-7](#)

Day 2: [Romans 5:6-11](#)

Day 5: [Psalm 20:7](#)

Day 3: [Ephesians 2:8-10](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, August 22, we'll continue our series *Encounters with Christ*. To prepare read [Mark 5:25-34](#).



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