Pray together to enter the study
Read text aloud (2-3 verses per person)

FRAME *2 min to read aloud*

An eye-witness account of Jesus' life written by His follower John Mark.

Eternal life (v17) means going to heaven to be with God.

The commandments in v18 are from the Old Testament and followers of God were expected to follow them.

OBSERVE

5 min to reflect alone, 5 min to all share

Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.

Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.

INTERPRET

3 min to gather q's, 12 min to discuss

Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?

Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.

Answer your questions from the text and context.

SUMMARIZE & SPOTLIGHT

1 min to read the summary aloud

A rich man asks Jesus how to get to heaven and is told he must sell all his wealth and follow Him. Jesus says it is impossible to save yourself, but it is possible with God.

3 min to individually write a main point
2 min for all to share, end with leader

WEEK 8: SACRIFICE TO FOLLOW JESUS

Mark 10:17 – 30 (NIV)

17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his
knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit
eternal life?"
18 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except
God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall
not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony,
you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"
20 "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."
21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell
everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in
heaven. Then come, follow me."
22 At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.
23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to
enter the kingdom of God!"
24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children,
how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go
through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the
kingdom of God."
26 The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then
can be saved?"
27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with
God; all things are possible with God."
28 Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!"
29 "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or
sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel 30 will
fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers,
sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the
age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last
first."

INVITATION

5 min for individual reflection, 5 min to share as a group

The rich man was sad at the idea of giving up his riches to spend eternity with Jesus. What is hard for you give up to follow God? What holds you back? Make a commitment, in this community, to follow Jesus or to give up something that keeps you from Him. Write it here and hold each other accountable:

CONCLUDE

5 min to pray for each other and your applications

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