

**Catechism Lesson for Adults and Teens**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**  
**The Rich Ruler**

**Read the Gospel Passage.** Luke 18:18-27

**Contextual Background:**

-The first instructions Jesus lists back to the rich ruler are part of the Ten Commandments

-We've heard a repeated emphasis on wealth, charity, and modesty in these past Gospel readings and lessons. In this period, before Christmas, the Church repeats messages from the Gospel of Luke that often have to do with being generous. During this fasting period leading up to Christmas, we should think not only what can we "give up", but also what we can literally "give over" to those in need.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Do you remember the Ten Commandments? (LIST)
  
2. The theme of "taking things with us" is repeated in these Gospel lessons. If your house was on fire and you had time to only take five things with you, what would you take and why? Are these items sentimental? Hard to give up? (DISCUSSION)
  
3. What do you think would be "impossible" for you to give up for a month? For a year? (DISCUSSION)
  
4. Jesus asks the rich ruler not only to give up everything he owned, but to also literally follow Him. The rich ruler's routine and daily life would be changed by doing this. (DISCUSSION)
  - a. What are some ways that you include Christ and your faith in your life/routine at home, school, or work?
  
  - b. In "following Jesus" what sort of things are you led away from that others around you might be doing?
  
5. Jesus and the Bible still gives us some "rules" to follow, just as the rich man said he followed the rules of the 10 Commandments. Are there any rules that are hard to follow? Why? (DISCUSSION)

6. "What is impossible with men is possible with God". When have there been times you've encountered something that just seems impossible? When has God given you strength or helped you through those difficulties? (DISCUSSION)
  
7. For the next few weeks, what is something you routinely buy that you don't necessarily need? What could you do with that money you'd save up? (DISCUSSION)