

Reading Guide for *The Splendor of Truth*

Read the section from *The Splendor of Truth* that was assigned to you. Then respond to the corresponding questions.

Section 7: “Then Someone Came to Him”

1. What is the heart of the question for the rich young man?

2. Who does the rich young man represent?

Section 8: *The question . . . rises from the depth of his heart.*

3. What is the nature of the “essential and unavoidable question”?

4. Why does he choose to ask Jesus the question?

Section 9: *Jesus says, “Why do you ask me about what is good?”*

5. What does Jesus want the young man to consider?

6. Why is God the only one who can answer the question about what is good?



Section 12: *If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments (Mt 19:17).*

7. What connection does Jesus make between eternal life and obedience to God's commandments?

8. How are the commandments linked to a promise?

Section 13: *Jesus' answer is not enough. "Which ones?" (Mt 19:18).*

9. What is Jesus' intent in naming a few commandments of the Ten Commandments?

10. What do the different commandments all reflect?

Section 16a: *"I have kept all these, what do I still lack?" (Mt 19:20).*

11. Even though he has followed the moral ideal, what does the young man realize?

12. Knowing the young man's yearning, what does Jesus reply?



Section 16b: *If you wish to be perfect . . . (Mt 19:21).*

13. Why are the Beatitudes relevant to the answer Jesus gives to the young man's questions?

14. Why is there no separation or opposition between the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments?

Section 17: *If you wish to be perfect . . .*

15. What does the young man's commitment to the moral demands of the Commandments require?

16. What is essential for moral growth that leads to perfection?

Section 19: *Come, follow me (Mt 19:21).*

17. What does Jesus invite the young man to experience?

18. What is the essential foundation of Christian morality?



Section 20: *Jesus asks us to follow him and to imitate him along the path of love.*

19. What constitutes the moral rule of Christian life?

20. What is the love Jesus wishes all who imitate him to follow?

