

Chapter 11: The Trap

1. At the beginning of the chapter, Keller points out that Christianity is the one religion where its center is always moving. Why is this significant according to Keller? (p.134-136)

Read Mark 10:17-27.

2. How are Jesus's sayings like "hard candy" as opposed to chocolate? (p.137)

3. Keller says of Jesus's response to the wealthy man that he is not endorsing simplistic views of money that many held back then (and today), that wealth is automatically exploitive on one hand or a sign of virtue on the other. What's Jesus saying then to the man, and to us? (p.140).

4. Skim pages 141 to the top of 145. In your own words, what is "the trap" which Keller is warning us of?

5. *What is your attitude toward money?* Keller asks on page 148. *How do you know that money isn't just money to you?*

Chapter 12: The Ransom

Read Mark 10:32-34.

1. Understanding why Jesus had to die for us on the cross is a difficult hurdle for many to take. It's also difficult for many of us to explain to unbelievers in a satisfactory way. This is what Keller attempts to address in the first part of this chapter. Carefully look over pages 154-158, then summarize and discuss Keller's main arguments.

Read Mark 10:35-45.

2. What in the world do you think is James's and John's motive here in asking Jesus this?

3. Jesus says to them, "You don't know what you are asking." Rather than judge the two disciples for their foolishness, Keller says we should examine our own hearts. Why? (p.161).

4. The cross of Christ gives us one of the greatest incentives that exists to get off the "hedonic treadmill" and learn to serve others. Jot down some of Keller's key points from pages 163-166.