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?