

## Be Rich: Week 1 – Choosing Rich

### Open in Prayer

### Welcome/Introductions/Cast Vision

### Remind the Grow Group of the ground rules

### Share context/summary of the story (Provide context by sharing the information below.)

In this passage, Jesus emphasizes the second greatest commandment; that is, to love others. He commands us to bless those who hurt us and not to expect anything in return. With God's power, we can love when it is hard. Jesus describes love as action without expecting anything in return. We are called to go beyond just the little gestures, and go the extra mile. We are to follow the example of our merciful heavenly Father.

### Tell the story - Luke 6:27-36 (*Have someone tell the story.*)

### Rebuild the story (*Group members tell the story together based on what they remember.*)

### Read the story out loud (*Read the scripture passage to see if anything was added or omitted.*)

### Discuss these questions:

1. **What do we learn about God from this passage?** (God desires for His children to love one another even when it is not easy; God is our supreme example of love and mercy; God clearly commands us to treat others the way we want to be treated; God desires for man to love, not expecting anything in return; God is kind to the unthankful and the evil men (vs. 35); God is merciful and therefore commands me to be merciful; God not only sees how I respond to others, but He also knows my motives; etc.)
2. **What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage?** (It is a struggle for me to love my enemies and care for those who may hurt me (vs. 27); when I choose not to love, I am reminded of how selfish I can be; I keep precise records of the instances of when I am wronged by others; I can do good things with poor motives and selfish ambition; I am greedy with my resources; I am to be merciful as my Father is merciful; my faith without action is worthless (James 2:26); etc.)
3. **What is God saying to you specifically through this passage as it pertains to your life, marriage, family, and work?**
4. **In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?**

### Other questions specific to this passage:

1. How is it possible to love your enemy as Jesus describes in this passage? What might you need to re-prioritize in your life in order to fulfill Jesus' challenging command?
2. Give examples of how Jesus helped you love in hard times.

### Assign next week's passage - Luke 12:15-21 (*Ask someone to tell the story next week.*)

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## Be Rich: Week 2 – How Money Can Make Us Fools

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### Welcome/Introductions/Cast Vision

### Remind the Grow Group of the ground rules

### Share context/summary of the story (Provide context by sharing the information below.)

This passage begins with someone in the crowd asking Jesus to arbitrate a dispute. Jesus went beyond the request to expose the man's greedy motives. Jesus then reveals God's perspective on the foolishness of greedy living. The parable Jesus shares describes an individual who is completely concerned with his pleasure, security, and happiness. The selfishness of the man leads to his eventual downfall.

### Tell the story - Luke 12:15-21 (*Have someone tell the story.*)

### Rebuild the story (*Group members tell the story together based on what they remember.*)

### Read the story out loud (*Read the scripture passage to see if anything was added or omitted.*)

### Discuss these questions:

1. **What do we learn about God from this passage?** (God abhors foolish ingratitude; God rewards selfish and greedy work with judgment; if a person isn't generous with his belongings in this life, God will most certainly do it after the person's death; God blesses us with great abundance beyond what we could even think or imagine; God challenges His disciples to get their priorities straight in light of their eternal inheritance; Jesus is our supreme example of generosity (II Cor. 8:9); etc.)
2. **What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage?** (I can become consumed by greed and only consider my needs and wants; I am to treat others the way I want to be treated; I am commanded to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share (1 Tim. 6: 18); my significance is not measured by the abundance of my possessions; I foolishly act as if I know what the future brings and don't plan wisely (James 4:13-17); etc.)
3. **What is God saying to you specifically through this passage as it pertains to your life, marriage, family, and work?**
4. **In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?**

### Other questions specific to this passage:

1. List some ways that God has shown His generosity towards you. How does God's generosity to you influence your generosity towards others?
2. What is one specific way that you can be generous to someone this week?

### Assign next week's passage - Luke 14:7-24 (*Ask someone to tell the story next week.*)

### Close in Prayer

## Be Rich: Week 3 – How Money Can Make Us Fools

### Open in Prayer

### Welcome/Introductions/Cast Vision

### Remind the Grow Group of the ground rules

### Share context/summary of the story (Provide context by sharing the information below.)

In the setting of this passage, Jesus was at the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees. Jesus observed that some of the invited guests were seeking the more honorable places to sit at the table. Jesus declares that the person who exalts himself will be humbled while the person who humbles himself will be exalted. Jesus then speaks about inviting the poor and crippled to dinner because they most certainly cannot repay the host's generosity.

### Tell the story - Luke 14:7-24 (*Have someone tell the story.*)

### Rebuild the story (*Group members tell the story together based on what they remember.*)

### Read the story out loud (*Read the scripture passage to see if anything was added or omitted.*)

### Discuss these questions:

1. **What do we learn about God from this passage?** (God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6); God saves us by His grace and not based upon our good works (Eph. 2:8-9); God wants all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of truth (I Tim. 2:4); God pursues an intimate and personal relationship with us; God gives me the freedom to either accept or deny His personal invitation; God encourages us that "today is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2); etc.)
2. **What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage?** (I sometimes treat others with kindness and generosity only thinking about what I'll get in return from them; it is often a struggle for me to deny myself, take up my cross daily, and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23); I honor and please God through my faith-filled acts of obedience (Hebrews 11:6) and not my lame and shallow excuses; I can allow the frivolous and unimportant to stand in the way of me following Jesus; etc.)
3. **What is God saying to you specifically through this passage as it pertains to your life, marriage, family, and work?**
4. **In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?**

### Other questions specific to this passage:

1. Sometimes we downplay the urgency of sharing the gospel with others. What specifically causes your urgency to be more heightened than usual?
2. With whom do you need to have a gospel-centered conversation?

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