

BE RICH

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GROW GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What or who would you give generously to if you had unlimited funds? Why would you choose that particular person or organization?

READ ABOUT IT: James 5:1-6

THINK ABOUT IT

2. Most of us don't feel rich for two reasons: We have no margin and we know what everybody else has.
 - If you knew with certainty you would never have more margin than you do right now, how would it change the way you live and give?
 - When you compare yourself to someone who's "rich," what stands out to you as an opportunity they have that you don't?
 - When you compare yourself to the 99% of the world you are more rich than, what stands out to you as an opportunity you have that they don't?
3. **Read James 5:1-6.** If James were a prosecuting attorney, what would be on his list of charges against the rich? What do you think James would say today if we could ask him, "So, what do you want us to do?"

4. It's easy to falsely believe that rich people are more loved by God. What if, instead, we saw them as more responsible? What responsibility would you take on if you believed your wealth was given to you for the purpose of loving others?
5. Our devotion to God is demonstrated and authenticated by our love for others. What are you tempted to believe authenticates your love for God instead? What specific person or organization do you think gives you the opportunity to demonstrate the kind of love you're called to?

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

6. Imagine the conversation among your family as they clean your belongings out of your house one day. What do you want them to say about how you spent your possessions and your money? What do you hope they don't say? What can you do now to lay a foundation for the kind of legacy you want to leave?

JAMES 5:1-6

5¹Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. ²Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. ³Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. ⁴Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

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