



ICE BREAKER QUESTION: Why do you think \$100 seemed like a fortune when you were a child, but it doesn't now?

In this session, we'll discuss the truth that we are indeed rich and what that means for our lives.

If You Make	Richest People In the World
\$2,200 /yr.	You are in the Top 15%
\$26,000 /yr.	You are in the Top 10%
\$34,000 /yr.	You are in the Top 5%
\$48,000 /yr.	You are in the Top 1%

- When you realize you are one of the richest people in the world, how does it make you feel?
- Despite the reality of being rich, why don't we "feel" rich?
- What keeps us from recognizing we are rich?

Read 1 Timothy 6:17

- When we don't consider ourselves to be rich, how does this affect our attitudes and actions concerning money?

Week 1

LifeGroup Questions

- How does knowing you are rich affect your attitudes about worry, tithing, generosity and thankfulness?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18

- What are the benefits of being thankful?
- Now that you are more aware of the riches in your life...are there things in your life that need to change? If so, what do you need to do to change?

Individual Reality Check

Go to www.globalrichlist.com and enter in your annual salary to see exactly where you rank. Then ask yourself how you will look at your financial situation differently this week in light of the fact that you are rich?

For Further Study

Mark 12:41-44 What did the "rich people" do at the temple treasury? (12:41) What do the "rich people's" actions tell us about their motivation for giving? (12:41) How did Jesus compare the actions of the wealthy people to the actions of the poor woman? (12:43-44) Why did the large amounts of money given by the rich people not impress Jesus? (12:44) Why was the widow's gift so significant in Jesus' eyes? (12:44) How does God evaluate a person's giving? What else does God want from us besides our material wealth?

Luke 18:18-30 What do you think of "the American dream"? In what ways would your life change if you lost all you had, including your job? What did the ruler ask Jesus? (18:18) What does the wording of the ruler's question reveal about his attitude? (18:18) What did the ruler lack? (18:22) Why did Jesus advise this man to sell all he had, especially when He did not require this of others? (18:22) How did the ruler respond to Jesus' instructions? (18:23) What did Jesus teach about sacrifice? (18:29-30)



ICE BREAKER QUESTION: A rich uncle dies and leaves you ten million dollars, however, the will requires you to give it all away. Who would you give the ten million dollars to?

In this session we'll discover the importance of trusting God rather than money.

- Are you **truly** satisfied with your salary and possessions? Why or why not?
- How does the fear of not having enough affect your *ability* to give?
- How does it affect your *willingness* to give
- How do money and possessions complicate your life?

Read this together:

“I will not trust in riches but in Him who richly provides.”

- What in your life needs to change in order for this statement to become a reality?
- What are 3 specific things you can ask God to help you with in the next month to make this change?
- What can our group do to help each other “not trust in riches but in Him who richly provides?”
- How will we live that out in the next week? Month? Year?

For Further Study

Ecclesiastes 5:1-20 What is your most treasured possession? Why do most people want more money than they already have? What unflattering truths hold for the person who loves money? (5:10-12) What happens to the person who has wealth and possessions? (5:20) Why is money unable to bring happiness or contentment? If we cannot take anything with us when we die, why do we work so hard to acquire things? What does it mean to accept one's lot in life? What is the connection between accepting one's lot in life and finding happiness? What can you do this week to accept and better appreciate the things that God has given to you?

Luke 16:1-15 In what ways does our culture pressure us to love money? How did the rich man respond to the manager who was “wasting his possessions”? (16:1-2) What plan did the manager devise to secure his future? (16:4-7) How does Jesus want us to use money? (16:9) What main principle should govern the way we use our resources? (16:10-12) Why is it so difficult to keep a proper perspective on money? How do you think God wants you to change the way you handle your resources? How do you need to change your attitude toward your wealth? During the next few weeks, what is one way you can live more simply?



ICE BREAKER QUESTION: What is the most generous thing you have ever seen anyone do?

The goal of this session is for us to let go and trust God completely with our finances.

- **Read Leviticus 27:30**

A tithe of everything...belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.

- **Read Malachi 3:10**

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

- Do you think God really "needs" our money? Why or Why not?
- Is the point of tithing What do you think He really wants from us through our tithe?
- Why do you think people are afraid to tithe?
- Share your tithing journey: What are some of the blessings have you experienced?

- **Read 1 Timothy 6:18**

"Command [those who are rich] to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."

- What steps will you take to be more generous with your tithes and offerings?

Final Thought:

When our finances are under God's control, they will never be out of control.

For Further Study

Deuteronomy 26:1-19 What is the best gift you have ever received? What gifts do you think God likes to receive? To whom was the tithe of the Israelites given? (26:12) What did the Israelites say to the Lord about their tithe? (26:13-15) What is the purpose of tithing to the Lord? What does giving our time and resources to the Lord do for our heart? What does it mean to walk in the ways of the Lord? How can you specifically offer your resources to the Lord this week?

2 Chronicles 31:2-21 What was the response of the people when Hezekiah called on them to bring the required portion of their wealth for the support of the priests? (31:5-7) What did the chief priest tell Hezekiah about the abundance piled up in heaps around the temple? (31:9-10) Whose needs were provided through the administrators of the offerings? (31:16-19) How did Hezekiah show himself willing to set an example for the people in the practices he was instituting or reinstating? What "happy problem" developed when Hezekiah called for the offerings to be brought for the support of the priests? When have you seen God supply so abundantly that a whole new structure was required to handle the quantity of gifts? What can you do to develop a servant's attitude in dependence upon God?



HOW TO **BE** RICH

Week 4

LifeGroup Questions

ICE Breaker: Suppose you unexpectedly received a \$2000 bonus and two weeks of paid vacation, how would you spend them?

Read *Matthew 25:29* together:

To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. (NLT)

In this session we'll be challenged to manage **all** of God's resources wisely by identifying our good investments and the opportunities we've overlooked.

- Besides money, what other resources has God made you **responsible** for?
- Over the past year, what resources would God say you invested well? Why?
- What resources did you overlook or could you have invested more wisely? Why?
- As a manager of God's resources, how **will** you be more **intentional** about investing them?

- What resources has God given our Group? How will we invest them in the next month?

Close by reading *1 Tim 6:18-19* together:

Command [the rich] to do good, to be rich in good deeds...In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. (NIV)

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Luke 12:13-21 How did your family regard possessions while you were growing up? What was the rich man's dilemma in the parable? (12:16-17) What did the man decide to do about his bumper crop? (12:18) How did the rich man view his possessions and good fortune? (12:19) What would become of the man's abundance? (12:20) What kinds of abundance did Jesus mention? (12:21) To whom did Jesus apply His teaching about greed? (12:21) What signs of greed can show up in a person's life? With what parts of the parable can you identify? Why is it difficult for us to accept the fact that our life and things are temporary? What is one step you can take this week to become less dependent on your possessions?