



HOW TO BE RICH

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Small Group Study Questions

The following questions are meant to help your group enter into meaningful discussion that we pray will help you become more fully-devoted followers of Christ. They are simply a guide, so you don't have to use or get through all of them. You may want to look through them ahead of time and identify the ones that would work well with your group. Any questions you don't get to might be used by your group members for study and reflection in their personal devotional times. And if your group naturally breaks the ice, feel free to skip the icebreaker question. Remember, it's all about community, so let the Spirit guide your discussion where He wants it to go.

Icebreaker

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 money to?

Discussion Questions

- Would you say that you are truly satisfied with your salary and possessions? Why or why not?
- Read Matthew 6:19-34. What does Jesus teach us about trust and possessions?
- How can we apply Jesus' words to our own lives in light of the current economic situation?
- 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 tend to complicate our lives?
- As a small group, read the following statement: "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?

Action Steps

- As a small group, pray that you will transfer all of your trust from your finances over to God. Pray that as you take steps of faith in that direction, He will reveal Himself in new and exciting ways.
- Come up with 3 specific things that you can ask God to help you with in the next month to help you to truly trust in Him who richly provides. Share these with someone who can hold you accountable to be praying for these things and to be making the changes to which God leads you.
- As a small group, brainstorm practical ways in which you can help one another to "not trust in riches but in Him who richly provides." For the next several weeks, revisit this issue, checking in with one another and praying for one another.



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Leader Tip

Rarely does it happen that we can just say, "Yes, I choose to trust You, God, completely and fully for the rest of my days, and will never again misplace this trust or begin to doubt you." More often than not, this is a lifelong process of everything from little steps to giant leaps of faith. But if we aren't allowing our minds and our spirits to be stretched, we will never come up that place where we need to lean even just a little bit more on God. So this week, be sure to give your group members the safety to explore this issue while at the same time challenging them to take the next step in depending on God.

Leader Care

In his classic book, *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes:

"For Christians, the beginning of the day should not be burdened and haunted by the various kinds of concerns that they face during the day. The Lord stands above the new day, for God has made it. All restlessness, all impurity, all worry and anxiety flee before him. Therefore, in the early morning hours of the day, may our many thoughts and our many idle words be silent and may the first word and the first thought belong to the One to whom our whole life belongs."

In this financial season, you may be so busy encouraging and reassuring those you lead that you forget to come to the only one who can calm all of our fears and anxieties. If you aren't already, this week begin starting the day in surrender before the Lord.

Recommended Resources

Trusting God, Jerry Bridges

Ruthless Trust, Brennan Manning