



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

Suppose you unexpectedly received a \$2000 bonus and two weeks of paid vacation. How would you spend them?

Discussion Questions

from the How to Be Rich DVD

- 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?

additional study questions

As a small group, read Luke 12:13-21, and answer the following questions:

1. How did your family regard possessions while you were growing up?
2. What was the rich man's dilemma in the parable?
3. How did the rich man view his possessions and good fortune?
4. To whom did Jesus apply His teaching about greed?
5. What are some of the signs of greed that can show up in a person's life?
6. With what parts of the parable can you identify?
7. Why do you think it's difficult for us to accept the fact that our life and things are temporary?
8. What is one step you can take this week to become less dependent on your possessions?

Action Steps

- Spend some time praying for those people in your group who feel they have not invested their resources well. Pray for wisdom and courage as they begin to be intentional about managing the things God has given them.
- You may want to consider going through a money management series together after HTBR ends, such as Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, or Crown Financial Ministry's Biblical Financial Study. Regardless, brainstorm ways that your group members can support each other over the next few months as you learn to be good stewards of God's resources.



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Leader Tip

Often when we come face to face with the fact that we haven't been investing our resources well, there is the temptation to drown in our own guilt. If this is the case for any of your group members, encourage them to repent, then start afresh. God is faithful to forgive us when we confess and turn away from our sin.

Leader Care

As leaders, we may oftentimes want to appear "perfect" to our group members, hiding our struggles and temptations. But the role of a leader is never to be the "perfect Christian"! Make sure that you have someone in your life with whom you can be perfectly and completely authentic. You may want to check out Mindy Caliguire's Spiritual Friendships for more encouragement and ideas.

Recommended Resources

The Treasure Principle, Randy Alcorn
Your Money Counts, Howard Dayton