



INTRODUCTION

One thing about being a big church is we can make a big difference. When we come together, when we're generous, we can genuinely change our communities. This year, we intend to make a big difference. We want our community, regardless of their beliefs, to look at our contribution and think to themselves, "Those are the most generous, compassionate, and competent people I know. It seems as if they genuinely want something *for* us rather than something *from* us. I wouldn't necessarily want to be one, but I sure am glad they're in our community."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time when someone was generous to you with their money, time, or influence. How did that person's generosity affect you?
2. Do you tend to think of Christians and the church as being generous?
3. How could being generous to others change peoples' perceptions of the church?
4. Why do we hesitate to give to others even though we have more than we need?
5. Is there an organization or group of people in need that is near to your heart? If so, talk about why you feel a burden to contribute to the work they do in our city.
6. What can you do this week to be rich toward others? What can this group do to support you?

MOVING FORWARD

Does our generosity make a difference? Does it do any good? God didn't pour out his love for us because it would "work." Look at us. It still hasn't completely worked. We're still a mess. We aren't doing *Be Rich* because it will "work." We aren't doing it expecting anything in return. We're doing it because in some small way it reflects what God did for us. So let's do more and give more than ever before. Visit BeRich.org for more info.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

-1 Timothy 6:17-18