



Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- How would you define "rich"? If you are honest with yourself, do you think you're there yet?
- Spend some time this week looking at what you have—your home, your possessions, the money you have in the bank. Remember—having stuff isn't bad! Wealth is a gift from God. As you look at what you have, take the time to say "thank you" to God for His provision.
- Money is weird. On the one hand, it's a blessing from God. On the other hand, having it makes it harder to follow God. Why do you think it works like that? How do you manage that tension?
- Jesus' teaching about money makes it clear that He doesn't have a problem with us having stuff. The problem comes when our stuff has us. How can we tell if that is happening to us?
- What does your checkbook say about your priorities? What does it say about where you really put your trust—in our possessions and the security they give or in God?
- Dig deeper. Go online and buy a copy of Andy Stanley's book "How to Be Rich." As you read it, ask God to show you what you might need to do to learn how to "be rich" well.
- Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. If Paul, the author of 1 Timothy, was your pastor, what things do you think he would tell you?
- How did you encounter God today? Why do you think you were here? What do you need to do with what you experienced or heard? How can you apply today's ideas?