

BE RICH

PART 1: HANDS ON

INTRODUCTION

At the heart of the Christian faith is this idea: in Jesus, God became one of us and dwelt among us. When it comes to those around us who are hurting and in need, the God who dwelt among us calls his followers to be *hands on*.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time when someone went out of their way to get involved in your life and help you through a challenging situation. What do you think that person's effort may have cost him or her? What did it do for you?
2. During the message, Andy said, "God is love. God loves everybody. Everybody matters to God." Is it difficult for you to believe that? Is it difficult for you to believe *you* matter to God? Why or why not?
3. Jesus elevated the dignity of *everyone*. Is there a group of people to whom you find it difficult to ascribe dignity? If so, what would it look like for you to be generous toward them?
4. During the message, Andy said, "While we may be criticized for what we believe, we should be famous for our compassion and generosity." To what extent do you think Christians are famous for compassion and generosity? How does that influence the way people view the church and even God?
5. This year's Be Rich campaign is focused on partnering with local nonprofits to address food insecurity, foster care, medical care, housing, and education. Do you have a passion for any of those causes? If so, what stirred that passion? What have you done in the past to get involved with that cause?
6. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-18. What are some things that get in the way of you doing good, being rich in good deeds, and being generous and willing to share? What is one thing you can do this week to begin to overcome those obstacles? How can this group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

Our devotion to God is demonstrated and authenticated by our love for others. Extravagant generosity toward others is the appropriate response to God's extravagant generosity toward us. So, let's *Be Rich*. Let's give, serve, and love. Let's show our communities that our faith isn't just sermons and songs.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14