

## Be Rich

# **Big Idea**

We all want to leave a legacy, but too often the world teaches us about becoming rich, instead of being rich. During this week's message, Pastor Matt taught us how to leave a greater legacy that passes down to our great grandchildren, by being rich. That means that we must live for the investment in heaven, above the temporary things of this world. The goal isn't to live on earth forever, but to leave behind something that does.

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NIV)

In order to be rich in this world, it first starts with **giving ourselves to God**; when we are His, it's so much easier to give whatever for His glory. Next, we need a perspective shift **from owner to steward**, and when we begin treating those things entrusted to us like this, we see the greater purpose for our resources, talents and even families. The third thing is to **view everything through the lens of eternity**. And lastly to **be intentional**. We have a limited number of years to make a difference, but we have an incredible opportunity to leave a legacy!

### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Discuss some practical ways that you can be intentional about storing up treasures in heaven?
- 2. How can you guard yourself from storing up treasures on earth?
- 3. With the perspective that God owns everything, how does acting like a steward for God, rather than an owner, impact the way you handle your resources?
- 4. Share how you plan to ensure that the time and money you spend on earth is not wasted? If you currently don't have a plan, discuss one thing you can do that will help you live a generous life?

# **Prayer Focus**

This weeks prayer focus is to ask God specifically how He wants you to leave a legacy. Maybe its with your time, your talent, or your treasure. How will God use what He has entrusted to you, to live a life beyond yourself?

# Next Steps

Have you ever wondered why you are on this planet? Find out who God has made you to be at The Weekender, this November 5th-6th. You can sign up to serve on the Rescue House app, from rescuehousechurch.org or at the Next Steps Center in our atrium.

#### Bible References

Psalm 112:5-6, 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Philippians 3:18-20, Hebrews 11:14-16, Ephesians 5:15-16, Matthew 6:19-21, Luke 12:16-21, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Psalm 24:1, Deuteronomy 8:18, Hebrews 11:25-26, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7