

# **Be Rich Celebration**

Jesus has called us to be generous, and you've gone above and beyond in answering this year. Your outpouring of generosity and service during the Be Rich season has been a testament to the fact that God is for our community. But the problem with celebrating our hard work is that it can so easily stop at celebration. What if we chose to leverage our momentum to launch into the next opportunity to tackle the good work that comes with following Jesus?

# **Getting Started**

1. Is the pumpkin spice flavor profile played out, or do you still seek it out? If not, what *is* your favorite fall taste?

#### What About You?

- 2. Jason talked about the process of cutting, hauling, and splitting firewood with his father. What is the most memorable instance of hard from *your* life?
- 3. Thinking through your work, faith, health, and relationships— where in your life do you find it easiest to take risks? Most difficult?
- 4. What fears hold you back? What voices play in your mind anytime you're about to take a risk?
- 5. Think about the last time you settled instead of taking a risk. What motivated that choice?



### **Look It Up**

John 20:19-22, Hebrews 12:1-3, Matthew 27:51

- 6. What thoughts and emotions do you think were dominating the room where the disciples gathered after Jesus's death? How do you think Jesus's challenge landed with them in light of this?
- 7. What was risky about Jesus's challenge to his followers, here?
- 8. Why do you think Jesus so repeatedly emphasized *peace* in this encounter?
- 9. What was so significant about the curtain in the temple tearing at the hour of Jesus's death? What would the Jewish people at that time have thought about this?

## **Putting It All Together**

- 10. Where can you feel yourself settling right now? What would moving forward look like? What's stopping you?
- 11. How could fixing your eyes on Jesus potentially change your calculation when it comes to the risks you are confronting right now? What would focusing on Him clarify for you?
- 12. What risky, redemptive opportunities are you looking at right now?
- 13. Do you struggle to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as you look for places to do *good* work in your life? What practices of prayer might help you clarify your focus?

