

EPHESIANS: **GOSPEL TRUTHS LEADING TO GOSPEL LIVING**
WEEK 2: **RICHS** – Ephesians 1:15–2:10

MESSAGE NOTES:

- I. THE GOAL OF LIFE
- II. THE REVOLUTION OF LIFE

QUESTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS:

FOR STARTERS: Have you ever been caught up in a “get rich quick” scheme? If so, what happened? Are you driven to accumulate wealth, riches today? When can this be healthy or unhealthy? Discuss.

THE BASICS: Discuss the following phrase: *There are many ways to go broke by trying to get rich, yet the way to get rich is by becoming broke.* Read Ephesians 1:15–2:10. What stands out to you and why? Paul refers to riches and receiving an inheritance. What does he mean by these terms?

QUICK FIRE ROUND:

1. Reading Ephesians 1:15–2:10, a major theme of the letter is being *IN* Christ. What is the difference between knowing *about* Jesus and living *IN Him*? What does this mean to you personally?
2. Read Ephesians 1:15–23. What would you say is the goal of life? Read Ephesians 3:19, 4:13, John 1:16 and Colossians 2:9–10. What does this goal have to do with being *filled to the measure of the fullness of God*?
3. Read Ephesians 2:1–10. This passage has been called one of the clearest and most effective summaries of the Gospel in the Bible. Do you agree? Discuss.
4. What *before and after* or extreme *makeover* stories connect with you? Discuss the *before and after* image of humanity in this passage. Read and relate Romans 5:12–18 to Ephesians 2:1–10.
5. Define the terms grace (John 1:14, Acts 20:24, Col. 1:6, 2 Cor. 12:9) and faith (Romans 1:17, Hebrews 11:1–3, Galatians 3:11, Hab. 2:4). Why are both essential to knowing God and receiving His true riches? Have you personally received His grace by faith?
6. Read Ephesians 2:10. Why does the Gospel story not end with verses 8–9? What does it mean to you that you are a part of God’s plan, His workmanship, created for good works? How can you live this out?

WORD-BASED PRAYER – Read and pray through Ephesians 1:18–20. In Christ, ask God to show you (1) *the hope to what He has called you*, (2) *the riches of His glorious inheritance* and (3) *the immeasurable greatness of His power toward those who believe*. Ask Him to bestow the riches of His grace on you and then pray for those (by name) to whom you can pass grace on. Pray for areas of your life God can increase your faith. Be specific.

CLOSING PRAYER – Father, thank you that in Christ I am rich, and that I have received an inheritance from you beyond anything I can imagine or deserve. Help me walk by faith and trust you. I ask for your grace everyday so I can share it with others. Amen.