

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Be Rich - Give

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BE RICH
GIVE SERVE LOVE

ICEBREAKERS: Tell about a time someone gave you a gracious gift...what happened? What was your response? Why did it impact you?

CONTEXT: *After Pontius Pilate gave into religious leaders in Jerusalem and ordered Jesus to be crucified, it was pretty much open season on Jesus' followers. The religious leaders didn't drag anyone else to Pilate for execution. They took it upon themselves. Their first victim was a man who had been chosen by the apostles to distribute food to widows whose name was Stephen.*

This created fear and the followers of Christ began to scatter. The word spread what they had seen in Jerusalem and what they

believed about Jesus, and the church was born and grew and thousands believed that Jesus was their Savior.

READ: Romans 5:8 and John 3:16

QUESTION: What do these verses share in common?

READ: I Timothy 6:18

Patrick said: *Our primary responsibility is not to figure out why the pandemic happened, or to react to the various theories of its origin, or to figure out how it fits into the overall sovereign plan of God. If the Apostle Paul was right, the pandemic, is another global expression of a broken world awaiting its redemption and its redeemer. What we can do is proactively reach out to others during this time.*

How can you get your family involved in being rich financially and in serving? Go through the serve opportunities below together and see if there is one that fits you individually and/or corporately as a group*

PRAYER: How can this group pray for you this week?

***Serving opportunities next page...**



SERVE OTHERS

**Every hour served makes life better
for someone in need.**

Refuge for Women | October 12th - 16th

October 12th - 16th, 8am-5pm drop off your new and gently used shoes of all types, gender, and size that are in good condition, clean and still-wearable. All shoes must be dry and have a sole attached with no holes.

Refuge for Women is the nation's largest aftercare program for women who have been exploited or trafficked. They currently have 4 operational homes in Chicago, Nevada, Kentucky, and North Texas, with 3 additional homes opening at the end of 2020 in Southern California, Pittsburgh, and the Texas Gulf Coast. The shoes you collect go beyond raising funds for Refuge for Women—they give a second life to those in need.

Thanksgiving Build a Box | October 19th - 24th

RPC|WE is partnering with local mission partners to provide food items for a Thanksgiving meal to those in need in our community. During the week of October 19-October 24, stop by your campus to pick up a box. Each box will have a list attached with non-perishable food items to buy such as green beans, cranberry sauce, boxed potatoes, etc. Fill your box with items on the list and return it to your campus on or before October 24. Be sure to decorate the outside of your box with encouraging notes, bible verses and pictures before returning it – this is a great way to get the kids involved! (No registration required.)

Food Distribution Event | October 31st

RPC|WE is partnering with Attack Poverty and the Houston Food Bank to provide groceries and a hot meal to families in need in our community. Join us on Saturday, October 31 from 8:00am to 11:00am at the Richmond campus to help distribute food to families. Masks and gloves will be provided and need to be worn during the entirety of the distribution. Volunteers must be at least 15 years old.

Meal for Veterans & Military Members | November 6th

RPC|WE is partnering with the Gary Sinise Foundation to honor veterans and current military members in our community. Join us on Friday, November 6 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm at the Richmond campus as we provide a drive-thru meal to veterans and their families. Masks and gloves will be provided and need to be worn during the entirety of the event. Volunteers must be at least 15 years old.

Numana | November 14th

RPC|WE is partnering with Numana to bring 150,000 meals to children in Haiti. Join us on Saturday, November 14 from 9am-1pm at either the Richmond or Missouri City campus as we measure, package, and prepare meals for shipment. We encourage volunteers to sign up for one of the available shifts with a "quaranteam" of 8-10 individuals who you feel comfortable serving by. Masks, gloves, and hairnets will be provided and need to be worn during the entirety of the event. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to attend.