

“Christ In Us: Striking It Rich”

Growth Group Guide

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WELCOME *(Connecting with each other)*

People dream of “striking it rich”, and some do. People like the husband of “the unsinkable Molly Brown” or Rockefeller. Whether oil, gold, steel, stocks, the lottery, or some other way, history tells us about the richest of the rich. What would striking it rich look like for you? What would you do with that kind of wealth? Consider yourself even richer than those folks listed above. Rich beyond belief in Christ! How amazing! A.W. Tozer said, “The man who has God as his treasure has all things in one, and he has it purely, legitimately, and forever.” Discuss.

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER *(Connecting with God)*

Read these verses below. Take some time to praise and thank God that we can grow in knowing Him and Jesus as our source of great wealth.

Philippians 3:8a, 10a (AMP Classic)

Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord *and* of progressively becoming more intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (The Anointed One),...[For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly],...”

WORD *(Letting God speak to us)*

1. Read Ephesians 1:3-8a. Which verses are our “In Christ” verses? What does each “In Christ” verse say we get IN Him?
2. Look at v3. The phrase “every spiritual blessing, can also be translated “all the blessings of the Spirit.” How does this add to or change the meaning of this verse for you?
3. First, list some of your spiritual blessings. Second, give examples of what it looks like for us to draw from our spiritual blessings so, in the physical, they give us a full and satisfying Christian life?
4. Look at v4. This may seem like a trick question, but in this verse, who is chosen and by whom? When were they chosen? Do you find new meaning in this verse now? Share your thoughts.
5. Why would God make us holy and blameless in Christ? How does that benefit our relationship with Him?

6. Look at v5-6 and Romans 8:28-29. Look at “predestination” as a predetermined plan God had in mind for anyone in Christ. What was His predetermined plan for us as told in these verses?
7. God had good, amazing plans for us in Christ before the world was made. Before a sin was committed. Could this mean God had these gifts for us all along, even if sin had never existed? Just because it pleased Him (v6)? Discuss.
8. Look at v7-8a. From the sermon, define redemption and forgiveness.
9. Because of God’s lavish, infinite grace we have forgiveness and redemption. God has made sure nothing can make a claim that you should be removed from who you are in Christ. Why do we sometimes act like there IS a claim against us and then keep ourselves from receiving what is true of us in Christ?
10. You are rich, rich, rich in Christ! You’ve been chosen, you are holy, blameless, favored, and redeemed! Share which one pops for each of you today. Close in prayer, and ask Father to show each of you how to act/live out that truth this week.

WALK *(Living out God’s purposes)*

- ✓ **One Big Idea:** In Christ, we became unexpectedly rich with every spiritual blessing, including being chosen, holy, blameless, favored, and redeemed. These are amazing truths about you if you are in Christ! Look at your answers to question #3 and question #10. Talk further with God about them. Keep your heart and mind open to His Spirit teaching you and blessing you with all you need to live spiritually rich in Him this week and every week. Remember you are in Him every moment throughout all eternity. You aren’t a nameless, faceless number. He sees you with precise detail. He knows how to empower you to live satisfied, full, joyful, and loved.
- ✓ Look at your answer to question #9. Was there an answer to that question that really hit home? Talk to God about it. Ask Him to walk you through rejecting any lie you’ve believed and living in the truth instead.

WORLD *(Embracing God’s heart for others)*

This from Evergreen Network: “We are thrilled to celebrate with Generations Church in Eugene, OR where 22 more people were baptized into new faith in Jesus! It’s incredible to see all that God is accomplishing through this new church that is just over a year old. We are also celebrating with OneChurch in Seattle! They have been meeting at the Nippon Kan Theatre since they launched this last September - in June they were given the opportunity to lease the theatre 24/7 AND make some much needed renovations to add more children’s space! This is a major milestone in their journey. What started as a small group...[is now] around 700 people each Sunday....Take a moment to thank God for how he is using [these churches] to impact their cities. Pray for all the new lives in Christ!” (June Update 2025)

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