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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Life Group.

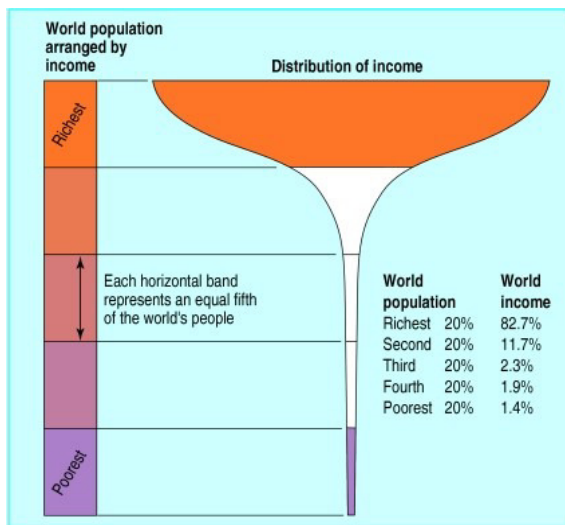
Growing Stronger...in Compassion Week 5

Ice-Breaker – What is the best gift you ever received at Christmas? What is the worst gift you ever received? What is the worst give you have ever given? Why did you do it?

Sometimes the needs of the world can seem absolutely overwhelming. Why are we tempted to look away and try to forget about some of the atrocities that are taking place?

When is it acceptable to just disconnect from the needs of others to focus only our own needs or on our corner of the world?

How many have visited www.globalrichlist.com? Pastor Steve said, “if you make \$20,000 a year, you are in the top 3.65% richest people on the face of the planet.” Are you surprised about where you rank in relation to the other 7 billion people on the planet?



Where do most Americans fit into the example at the left of the page?

Are you surprised by the distribution of income worldwide? Does this seem fair to you?

Luke 12:48b (NIV)

^{48b} From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

What is expected of those who have been given and entrusted with much?

What are some tangible ways you can bring more joy, more hope, and more meaning to your family, coworkers, neighbors, and friends this holiday season?

How can we bring more joy and hope for those living in the lower 80% of the diagram above? According to Luke 12:48, what is the responsibility of those in the top 20%?