



## **Connect Group Notes**

**Welcome** - Have you ever won anything in a competition?  
Do you know anyone who got rich quick?

**Word** - Our series is looking at what real richness is...the world says it's wealth, success, achievement, fame but the kingdom of God says we are rich when we...

LOVE - SERVE - GIVE

- How do these 3 interact with each other do you think?
- What examples can you think of where these 3 have worked and acted together?
- Why are these 3 values hard to work out at times within our lives?
- What is it that fights against these 3 within us?

### **Read James 5 v. 1-6.**

- What struck you in these verses either Sunday as you heard the message or now as you listen again to the words?
- Why do we tend to put our trust in wealth rather than the one who provides?
- In what ways does this evidence itself?
- Discuss the consumption assumption = "if it comes to me it must be for me" - how does this play out in our lives?
- What are some of the common objections or barriers we have to giving?
- What have you learned or are learning about the power of giving?

### **Read further.....2 Cor. 9 v. 6-15**

- What are some principles Paul highlights in these verses?
- Why is verse 15 so powerful when it comes to giving?

Look at the 4 questions given on Sunday and use them to open up discussion....

1. Do I embrace the fact that I am rich?
2. Do I realise that all I have is a gift from God and I am a steward not an owner?
3. Are my hands willing to stay open and give?
4. Does my current giving reflect who I say I am?

- What is your 'next step' when it comes to giving?

Finish by praying for each other....

Does anyone have financial needs right now? Pray for them.....

**Remind people that this coming Sunday, March 15th is Compassion Sunday**