  
**Rich In Good Deeds**

**Introduction:**

God has blessed me with more than I need. I’m rich. I will not trust in my riches, but in Him who richly provides. Because I have more, I will give more and do more.

**Getting Started:**

1. Describe a time when God used you to make a difference in someone else’s life.
2. How can your good deeds point to God and not you?
3. Talk about what you’re doing or want to do to serve in the church to make a difference.
4. Chad mentioned 3 principles on how to be rich in “Good Deeds”, what do you think of the list? How do your deeds measure up to the qualities of “Good Deeds”?

**Read and discuss (as many as you have time): 1 Timothy 6:17-18, Ephesians 2:8-10, Matthew 5:14-16, Mark 10:42-45**

1. As you discuss these passages, what are the common themes that run through them?

**Additional Questions:**

1. How has God equipped you with talents and abilities to carry out good works?
2. Chad said, “We are not saved by good works. We are saved for good works.” Why is this a fundamental principle?
3. When you help others, do you tend to help others in the way they need it or in the way you want to give it? Explain.
4. What do you think it would look like for you to serve others outside of your comfort zone? How do you think it would affect you?
5. How have the good deeds of others in your church helped you spiritually and in times of need?

**Next Steps:**

1. What’s one good deed you’ll commit to doing this week to help someone else?
2. Who in the group is going to help you with that this week?

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Prayer is simply communicating with God. But there are all kinds of things that can get in the way of prayer. We can be distracted, ashamed, or selfish. <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1231>

**Watch Session 3: *Pursuit of Prayer***

1. Many things can affect our prayer, Taylynne struggled with guilt, how did that affect her praying?
2. If a friend said what Taylynne said, what would you? How would you help her connect with God again?
3. If you do have sin in your life, should you just keep praying as if there is no problem?

**Read Psalm 51:1-12**

1. Phil’s sister died in a car accident, how did that affect his relationship with God?
2. Does it make sense to turn away from God over a painful disaster like that? How would those feelings affect prayer?
3. What can you do to get past this? Is there a way to “make up” with God? (how would you make up with a friend?)

**Read Isaiah 55:9**

1. His ways are higher than our ways. Why is that important to remember when bad things happen in our lives?
2. Carli said she was “bored” with her faith. How does boredom affect our prayer lives?
3. Does prayer always get boring? Is there a way to liven it up?
4. Our prayers are affected by feelings of guilt, anger, or boredom. Which is most likely to affect your prayer life?

**Read/Discuss Philippians 4:6-7**

1. How does prayer cure anxiety?
2. Why is thanksgiving important?
3. What happens when we pray instead of worry?
4. What do you make of “guarding” our hearts and minds?

**PRAY!!!**



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