

HOW TO BE

RICH

PARABLES OF GENEROSITY

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GOING DEEPER: LUKE 13:1-9

CONTEXT:

Helps: Study Bibles. A good study Bible can be an invaluable resource here. Currently, I think, the best one for context is the ESV Study Bible.

1. What is the life situation surrounding the text? (This helps bring it to your life situation)
2. What is happening “on the ground”, who is it happening with, and why is it happening?
3. How does this passage fit into the story of this book or God’s salvation history in the whole Bible?

LINE BY LINE:

Helps: Cross References. A good way to study the Bible is to let the Bible be a commentary on itself. We need to recognize that each passage stands in its own context; however, seeing how words, thoughts and phrases are used in other parts of the Bible often sheds light on the meaning of the passage we’re studying. In the margin or at the bottom of the page (depending on where your cross references are) check out what’s there for the current passage. See if that gives you any insight.

1. What’s the Lord saying to me in these specific words?
2. What is the overall picture of God in this passage? Jesus? The Holy Spirit?
3. Take each verse (or even each phrase) and ask: “Lord, what are you saying to me?” (Hint: you may find yourself camping on one verse or phrase; IT IS OK to stay there).

APPLICATION:

1. What questions does this passage raise that you want to pursue further?
2. What specifically can I do this week to put into practice what I’ve learned?

THIS WEEK:

1. **Run the passage through these principles as a group.**
2. **Take time to pray that we at Eastridge Church would be people who entrust everything to God without worry. Pray for yourself, your church family leaders and others you’re in fellowship with.**