

# Small Group Discussion 12/5/2021

## *“Why Christmas?” (part 1 of 3-part series by Dr. John Martin)*

2 Corinthians 8:9

### Getting Started

- Has there been a time in your life when you felt that you were poor but upon later reflection realized that you were truly rich?

### Static Questions

- **WHAT IS THE PASSAGE ABOUT?**
  - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
  - Pay attention to the main Facts of the passage.
- **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**
  - What does the passage reveal about God? About people?
  - Is there a promise or a command or a warning?
  - What is the main truth of the passage?
  - What lessons do you see?
- **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**
  - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
  - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this passage?
  - How should you respond based on what you learned?

### Discussion

- In what ways was Jesus rich? In what ways was Jesus poor? In what ways are we poor?
- Explain how through Christ's poverty we "might become rich." (Think about our present state in this world and in the world to come.)
- Discuss the ways that believers are rich as enumerated by Dr. Martin: (Do any specific Bible verses come to mind in support of the following?)
  - We have forgiveness.
  - We have fellowship with other believers.
  - We have fellowship with God.
  - We have the presence of the Holy Spirit.
- Can you think of other ways that we as believers have become rich because of Christ's coming and His sacrificial death, burial, resurrection, and ascension?