



# GROUPS AT CROSS POINT

## BREAKING THE ICE

Do you look at ratings before you choose a restaurant or go see a movie? What's the rating that you need to see in order to eat at a restaurant or watch a new movie? 5 stars, 4 stars?

What's the best five-star meal you have ever had? What made it a five-star meal?

## MAIN CONTENT

Pastor Chris talked about the abundance of a five-star life and that it sometimes looks different than what we think.

1. What does a five-star life look like to you?

Most of us think a five-star life means having everything we need, living lavishly and never having to worry about finances. But as we know, sometimes having more wealth doesn't guarantee a worry-free, five-star life.

What does it mean to be wealthy?

- If you make at least \$100 a week, you are in the top 25% of wage earners in the world.
- If you have clothes in your closet and live in your own home, you are in the top 5% of the world.
- If you earn \$50,000 a year, you are in the top 1% wage earners of the world.



2. After seeing these statistics, how does that change your opinion about being wealthy?

It's possible some of these statistics are true for your life, but you still don't feel wealthy.

Sometimes our life doesn't feel wealthy because we don't have margin in our lives. We live paycheck to paycheck, using every dollar we earn for something, and that something may not be what we truly need to survive.

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3. What is one area in your life where could you use some margin in order to live a five-star life?

Living without margin creates a one-star life. But, adding margin in our lives isn't always easy. Sometimes we have to give up things we enjoy in order to create financial peace and to add margin in our lives to live a five-star life.

## Read Luke 12:18-20

In this passage of Scripture, we learn that the farmer stored all of his grain for his own benefit. He had an incredible blessing that he used solely for himself.

4. What resource has God blessed you with that you can use to help others? Note: this doesn't have to be finances - it can be time to serve others or using a gift God has given you to help others.

Our patterns of consumption create how many starts our life is judged upon.

5. What is the pattern of consumption in your life?

6. Based on that pattern, how many starts would you rate your life?

When we consume less and give more, we use our resources to show our love for God. Pastor Chris broke it down like this: we use what we have to express the gratitude we feel for how good God is.

7. Are you demonstrating God's love and goodness with your resources? If so, how?

We aren't meant to be constant consumers. We are made to share God's love by using our resources to help others.

It's not about hoarding all of our resources or spending all of our resources. We have to find the balance between these two. The balance is to bless others with our wealth and resources while leaving margin in our life to save. And the most important part is that we ask God for wisdom to effectively use the resources He has blessed us with.

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## CLOSING PRAYER

Thank you, God, for Your provision. Help me use the resources in my life effectively and efficiently. Show me where I can use my resources and wealth to help others see Your great love for all of us. In Jesus name, Amen.

## ACTION STEP

This week, take \$37 and find a way to show God's love to someone. Use the hash tag #5starlife on social media to share how you showed God's love to someone who needed it. If \$37 is too much, pick a number that is comfortable for you. Share with your group how you plan to show God's love and goodness. We can't wait to hear your stories through social media!

Additional Resources: "How to Be Rich" by Andy Stanley  
<https://goo.gl/gN1aEG>

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