## THE CHURCH HAS *LEFT* THE B U I L D I N G

## Be Rich - 11/8/2020

## OVERVIEW

Jesus never called His disciples to become a "church." Instead, He called them to become an Ekklesia; a called-out people united by a common identity and purpose. Jesus' call was to a movement--not a meeting. It was more than a program or service, but a group united by Christ and making a measurable difference in their communities. Who needs to experience the rich generosity of God through you and through Blue Ridge Community Church?

Scriptures: Ruth 1:15-18, 2:2-3,14-18, 3:1-3; 1 John 3:16-18; Hebrews 13:16; 1 Timothy 3:17-19

## APPLICATION

• What words come to mind when you think of the word "church"?

• How have you seen yourself view "church" as a building or a place you go rather than your identity and purpose?

• As we look at the story of Ruth's life, what stood out to you in how they cared for and loved one another?

• How are the riches of God's character being displayed through you? As we strive to be a movement and not just a meeting, who needs to experience the rich generosity of God through you?

**DIG DEEP:** This week, read the Book of Ruth and see the riches that God displayed through His people. Make notes when you see someone showing love by practically meeting a physical or emotional need of someone else.

**BE RICH OPPORTUNITY:** We get to be the hands and feet of Jesus. As a church we are going to partner with two local missions' opportunities for this holiday season. You can join us by giving at <u>www.blueridge.org/berich</u> or text "BE RICH (amount of money)" to 434-290-4483.