



**LIFE GROUP  
STUDY GUIDE**

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STORY**

**THE STORY OF THE  
RICH MAN AND LAZARUS**

**Luke 16:19-31**

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19 "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, 23 and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24 And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' 27 And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— 28 for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' 29 But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

# WHAT DO YOU SEE?

What do you notice in this story?  
What details stand out to you?

List some details about Lazarus  
List some details about the Rich man, how do  
they compare?

How does the rich man describe his state after  
death?

What stands out from the rich mans first  
interaction with Abraham?



# WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Why do you think the Holy Spirit intended  
this story to be in Scripture?

How can our wealth harden our hearts  
towards God?

What are the differences you see between  
heaven and hell in this parable?

Why does Jesus use Abraham as one of the  
characters?

What is Jesus' main point in this parable?

**Our Devotion to HIM is  
seen in our care to  
others.**





# WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

## HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME? WHAT CAN I DO THIS WEEK?

Would you say your care for others around you reveals your devotion to God?

This story reveals the urgency of heaven and hell, none of us know the timeline of our lives, do you feel a burden or urgency for those who don't know Christ?

Do you see your wealth as a tool to serve those in need?

Take some time to look through the word at what God says about how we should treat the poor. Deut 14:28-29, 15:1-3. Isaiah 3:14-15. Jeremiah 5:26-28. Amos 2:6-8, 5:11-12. James 1:27, Matthew 22:34-40. Do you see that how we treat the poor is important to God.

What do you make of the last two verses of the parable? What is Jesus trying to say? How can we apply them in our own life?

## PRAYER

How can the group be in prayer for your needs or concerns this week?

Is there anything that you would like to thank God for from the previous week?