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Part 9: The Rich Man & Lazarus

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“Jesus said, “There was a certain rich man who was splendidly clothed in purple and fine linen and who lived each day in luxury. At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. As Lazarus lay there longing for scraps from the rich man’s table, the dogs would come and lick his open sores. Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the heavenly banquet. The rich man also died and was buried, and he went to the place of the dead. There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side. The rich man shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in anguish in these flames.’ But Abraham said to him, ‘Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish. And besides, there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there.’ Then the rich man said, ‘Please, Father Abraham, at least send him to my father’s home. For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them so they don’t end up in this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘Moses and the prophets have warned them. Your brothers can read what they wrote.’ The rich man replied, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone is sent to them from the dead, then they will repent of their sins and turn to God.’ But Abraham said, ‘If they won’t listen to Moses and the prophets, they won’t be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’”
Luke 16:19-31

Three Things Jesus Tells Us About Life After Death

1. After death _____

2. After death _____

3. After death _____

Memory Verse
“God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world,
but to save the world through him.”
John 3:17

- MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .**
- Memorize John 3:17
 - Settle my eternal destiny by trusting in Jesus Christ for the first time
 - Ask God to help me to live my life with the realization that there is a real heaven and a real hell and real people really go there.
 - Pray for one person to invite to ERBC this Christmas



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Discussion Questions - Week #11

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend “The Rich Man & Lazarus,” in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking back at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

GETTING STARTED

1. Which of the parables in our series “Stories that Changed the World” has been the most meaningful, challenging or surprising to you and why?

2. What do you envision when you think of heaven?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read Matthew 7:13-14. What does it mean to find and enter the narrow gate?

Why do you think the gate and path leading to eternal life is so narrow?

Why do you think so many are missing it?

4. Read Revelation 21:1-8. What stands out to you in this passage?

Where is God's final dwelling place?

Read Genesis 3:16-24.

How does the story in Revelation reverse the curse in Genesis?

Do you think knowing what the final scene will look like should impact our behavior in any way?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:51-58. What does it mean that death was “swallowed up in victory” (NIV)?

How did it happen?

How does Jesus give us victory over sin and death?

How might we use this passage to give others hope?

How does Paul expect us to respond to the good news found in verses 51-57?

TAKING IT HOME

6. What spiritual commitments have you made over the past eleven weeks that you would like to continue into the New Year? What new step or steps would you like to take?

7. How can the group be praying for you during this holiday season?

PRAYER REQUESTS