

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Luke 16:19-31

Ice Breaker: What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

Ice Breaker: Who was the first person to share the gospel with you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Luke 16:19-31**
2. Who is Jesus speaking to and what is the posture of their hearts? (see vs. 16:14)
3. What is different about this parable vs. other parables of Jesus? What is similar?
4. How does the passage describe the rich man? How does it describe the poor man?
5. What assumptions would Jesus' audience make about each of these men's status with God? What was the reality of their relationship with God?
6. We see Lazarus in glory and the rich man in Hades in (vs. 22-26). What can we learn about life after death from this passage? Where do we see these truths confirmed in other Scriptures? Why is it unwise to allegorize every part of a parable?
7. The rich man begs for someone to warn his brothers, so they don't end up like him. Why does Abraham refuse? What does this tell us about the clarity and significance of God's revelation in the OT.
8. What excuses for unbelief have you heard from those you've shared the gospel with? What excuses did you use before you were saved?
9. Read Ez. 36:25-28; John 3:3-8; 1 Pet. 1:3-5; Hebrews 3:7-19. What do these passages teach about what is necessary to overcome a natural heart of unbelief?
10. How does the cross of Christ and the empty tomb display God's heart of perfect justice and perfect mercy? How can we as those who've experienced the mercy of Christ respond as we wait for our eternal home?