DAY 4 Read Luke 16:27-31 focusing on the Special Request of the Rich Man in Hell. How would you describe the rich man's request to Abraham from this? What does Abraham's response tell you? What does his second request & answer show you? How does this relate to you currently? Pray for an open door to share the Word with someone today.

DAY 5 Read Luke 16:19-31 reflecting on the Challenge to You from this. What do you know about life and death from this Parable of Jesus? What can you tell about Hell from this? What about Heaven? What is God's main purpose for this parable for you? What's your Tipping Point? Pray.





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Part 6

6.19.22

"Parable of the Rich Man & Lazarus" Luke 16:19-31

Parable or Real-Life?

The 4 Great Points of the Parable...

1. The Great Contrast – set your heart on being rich in heaven.

"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."

"Don't store up treasures here on earth...Store your treasures in heaven.... Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."

Matt.6:19-21 NLT

2. The Great Chasm – get rid of that gap between you and God *today*.

"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.'

"By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place...let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him..."

Heb.10:20-22 NLT

3. The Great Crv – spread the Word and make an eternal impact.

"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 16:27-31 NLT

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Rom.10:17 NKJV

"...Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!"

John 4:35 NKJV

4. The Great Choice – make sure your name is in the Book of Life.

"And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it...I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books.

..Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire...And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire."

Rev.20:11-15 NLT

DAILY LIFE GROUP GUIDE _____June 20-25, 2022

Use *this* guide this week to help you spend time with God every day. As you go through the daily devotional, reflect on His Word and pray specifically for God to guide your steps each day. Take one day at a time - Read, Reflect, and Record your answers. Spend time in prayer for God's guidance. Share your thoughts & action steps with your LifeGroup. We are Better Together!

DAY 1 Read Luke 16:14-15, 19-31 as if you were a Pharisee hearing this. As a Pharisee listening to Jesus here, what does Jesus point out about you in vs.14-15? What does God know about your heart? How do you connect Jesus' Parable to you as you are listening? Can you see yourself in the story and what are you hearing? Pray as if you "got the point" of Jesus' story.

DAY 2 Read Luke 16:19-23 focusing on the Contrast between the Rich Man & Lazarus. List all the contrasts of these two people before and after their deaths. What do you notice from your list? How do you feel about this rich man? How do you feel about Lazarus? What's your main takeaway from this and how does it relate to your life? Pray for your life to be rich in God's mercy, love and presence.

DAY 3 Read Luke 16:23-26 as if you were this Rich Man in Hell.

What do you see? What do you feel physically, emotionally and spiritually? What do you want/need? How would you describe your heart attitude at this point and what will change that? What are you thinking when Abraham answers you? How is this different from Lazarus' situation? Pray a prayer of thanksgiving to God for life in Jesus Christ.