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The Gospel of Luke

Week 16 Discussion Questions

Week of 1/22/23

Text: Luke 16:19-31

Icebreaker: What did you find most helpful from last week's sermon and discussion on the parable of the dishonest manager?

1. Verses 19-21 set the stage for this parable. How do the daily experiences of the rich man and Lazarus compare?

Application: Where do you see similar contrasts in our day between people who are in close proximity with each other?

2. Verses 22-23 depict a great reversal of experiences for both Lazarus and the rich man. What do these verses—and the testimony of other passages—indicate about the relationship between comfort in this life and blessing in the life to come?

Application: Do you find that material abundance in this life is helpful, is a hindrance, or is irrelevant to living the kind of life now that leads to the blessings of eternity? Why?

3. What kind of attitude is reflected in the rich man's requests to Abraham in verses 24-31? Do you think his words reveal a change of heart from his actions while he was still alive?

Application: What kind of values, habits, or perspectives can get in the way of the rich generously sharing out of their abundance with those who are poor?

4. It's possible to read too much into this parable's description of what the eternal state will be like (e.g., that those in torment will be able to talk to Abraham), but what are 2-3 clear teachings from this parable about what happens after death?

Application: How do these principles or teachings compare with what people who are not Christians believe about what happens after death?

5. What do verses 29-31 tell us about the primary means God has established to communicate to humanity about salvation? What's the danger of only hearing the message of Scripture but not living according to it?

Application: What do these verses imply about the value and authority of God's Word for our lives? Can you think of a danger of being in a place where we hear a lot about it but don't necessarily feel compelled to live according to it? How can we guard against that?

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6. Application: Based on these two parables from the past two weeks in Luke 16, is there some way you have felt challenged to use your possessions, including money, differently? Explain what you mean.