The Rich Man and Lazarus - Luke 16:19-31

Topics: Angels, Death, Eternal Life, Heaven, Hell, Judgment, Punishment, Suffering, Wealth

Open It

- * 1. What do you imagine heaven and hell will be like?
 - 2. What do your friends and coworkers imagine heaven and hell will be like?

Explore It

- 3. How did Jesus describe the rich man in the story? (16:19)
- 4. What does the story tell us about Lazarus? (16:20)
- 5. What role did angels play in this story? (16:22)
- 6. Where did the angels take Lazarus? (16:22)
- 7. What difference did the rich man's wealth make in his eternal destiny? (16:22-23)
- * 8. What does this parable reveal about heaven and hell? (16:22-31)
- * 9. What did the rich man see from his place in hell? (16:23)
 - 10. How did Abraham respond to the request of the rich man? (16:25)
- * 11. What was the other reason why Lazarus could not help the rich man? (16:26)
 - 12. Why did the rich man want Lazarus to go to his father's house on earth? (16:27-28)
 - 13. Why did Abraham say that Moses and the Prophets should be enough for the rich man's brothers? (16:29, 31)
 - 14. What did the rich man think was necessary to convince his brothers to believe? (16:30)

Get It

- 15. If Christians believe in the reality of hell, what do you think stops them from sharing their faith with others?
- 16. What do you think prevents people from accepting the gospel of Jesus Christ?
- 17. How does this story affect your understanding of the afterlife?
- 18. What have you learned from this parable about the eternal value of material possessions?
- * 19. What things do you think have eternal value?
- * 20. What could you do to be less concerned with earthly things and more devoted to things that have eternal significance?
 - 21. How would this Scripture passage encourage Christians who are sick, poor, or disadvantaged?
 - 22. How can we gain confidence in our eternal security?
 - 23. Why does God not always provide miracles to help people believe in Him?
 - 24. How has this parable changed your attitude toward witnessing to unbelievers?

Apply It

- 25. In the next few days, how can you demonstrate your thankfulness to the Lord for His provision of eternal life?
- * 26. How many people like Lazarus do you know who could benefit from your compassion today?