



Role Reversals
Luke 16:19-31

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Here and now

Two men

Two perspectives

Then and there

Everything has changed

Nothing has changed



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Message-based Small Group Lesson

Overview

This is perhaps one of the more disturbing parables of Jesus as it paints a raw picture of the journey of two men in this life and the next. Wealth is again the topic of Jesus, but primarily as the rich man's perspective on wealth reveals his hardness of heart towards God and those around him. In the end, focusing and relying on ourselves leads us down a darkened path, while selfless investment in others will always give much more than it takes.

Engaging with each other

1. Describe the hottest place you have ever been.
2. What are you most looking forward to about heaven?

Engaging with the Bible

1. Read Luke 16:19-31
2. What is your initial reaction as you read this story?

3. The name Lazarus means "helped by God." This is the only time a character in one of Jesus' parables is named. Why could this be significant?
4. As you consider the rich man, what would you say his core problem is?
5. What do these two men teach us about a biblical view of material possessions?
6. What are the next life consequences of their earthly behavior?
7. Does their behavior in the afterlife reflect/show any changes in their attitude?

Engaging with our lives

1. Our actions on behalf of those in need are important. Also important is the character shaping that giving such care brings into our lives. Share about a time when your character was shaped by your care for someone in need.
2. What are some practical lessons we can take from this story?