

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

A TALE OF TWO PERSPECTIVES

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DISCUSSION

- Read Luke 16:14-15. What are some examples of things esteemed by people but detestable to God?
- Read Luke 16:19-31. Abraham was rich, yet he is esteemed by God and is in heaven. What was the difference between him and the rich man in the parable?
- Compared to most of the world, we are rich. In light of the eternal consequences the rich man received as a result of living for the world in this story, how can we use our riches to live in a way that's pleasing to the Lord?
- Read Luke 16:31 again.
 - A. Why would a person not believe even if someone rose from the dead to warn them?
 - B. When has this happened?
- Jesus talked a lot about heaven, hell, and the eternal consequences of the way we choose to live. When talking about the Lord with non-Christians, how and when should we bring hell into the conversation?
- Why do you think Jesus used a story with specific named individuals to contrast living for the world with the eternal consequence of that choice?

PRAYER

Spend some time alone with God and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you where you may be living your life independently of Him with a focus on the here-and-now with no thought of the eternal results.

In light of the story of the unnamed rich man whom God “never knew” (see Matthew 7:22-23) and the named (and remembered in heaven) Lazarus and Abraham, ask the Lord what changes you need to make in your life. This may be choosing to finally take the promises of Christ by faith, a re-balance of your time and resources, or accepting a “call” from the Lord for a specific ministry, direction, or purpose for your life.

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- I. Be careful what you _____ your life upon.
- II. There are time sensitive _____ to make in our temporary _____ .
 - A. Jesus taught that we possess a temporary _____ and an eternal _____ .
- III. There is a connection between earthly _____ and heavenly _____ .
 - A. The choices we make in our temporary _____ affect our eternal _____ . Jn 6:24
 - B. The decisions we make in _____ will determine how we will _____ for all of eternity.
 - C. When eternity comes into _____ , mission becomes _____ . Deut 30:11-15
- IV. There is a clear _____ before us.
 - A. Heads _____ vs Heads ____ living