

PEFC Weekly Family & Small Group Study Guide

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Paynesville Evangelical Free Church
Walking With Jesus
Reality of Repentance
Luke 16:19-31



Big Idea

Those Who Reject God's Word Will Face Future Judgment When Christ Returns to Reverse the Human Condition!

1. Jesus' return will one day reverse the human condition.
2. Decisions you make in this life will have consequences for future judgement.
3. Even the resurrection will not influence those who reject God's word.

Introduction

Relate a time when you had to warn someone of something (or you had to be warned). How did the person (or you) react to the warning? What was the result?

Bible Study Questions

Have someone read Luke 16:19-31

Compare and contrast the situation of the rich man versus Lazarus in Jesus' parable. How might the world have viewed each one (hint: think *prosperity gospel*)? What does Jesus imply about the heart or attitude of each based on the description? How could we identify with the rich man? With Lazarus?

Why did the rich man face punishment after death (hint: see verse 25)? What might Jesus have been teaching in the example of post-death situation of the rich man and Lazarus?

What was the rich man's concern in verse 27? What result did he expect if he received Lazarus' help? Have you encountered similar attitudes in those around you? Explain.

Why did Abraham see sending Lazarus as unhelpful (even if it were possible)? What was the rich man's reaction to this? Is this relevant to those around us today? Why or why not.

What did Abraham say was the problem with the rich man's assertion to send Lazarus to his brothers? What actions do Lazarus' brothers need to make? What does this teach us about the power and role of scripture?

Based on this story, how would you approach Lazarus's brothers to warn them? How effective do you think you might be? Why?

How might you use this parable to evaluate your personal situation (what questions should I ask about myself)? To share the gospel with a friend or family member?

Next Steps

This week, find someone who is hurting that you can impact through the resources and wealth that God has blessed you with.

Reflect on God's love for those who are at the mercy of poverty and sickness.

Share the truth of the scriptures concerning the issue of life after death with someone this week.

Prayer

Thank Jesus for reversing our helpless situation based on his death and resurrection. Share life needs within your group and pray for one another. Remember that prayer requests need to remain confidential and not be repeated outside your group without permission.