

TEXT: Luke 16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **New Sermon Series** - We have a brand new series through the book of Philippians starting next Sunday, May 17th! Go to RedeemerChurch.com/NextSteps to buy a Scripture journal to take notes in.
 - **Redeemer Kids** - Parents of Redeemer Kids, make sure to check out RedeemerChurch.com/Kids every Sunday! Luke is developing multiple resources for you every week to partner with you as you disciple your children in this season.
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Leading Off...

1. What are some things in life that are just inevitable?
2. While there is an inevitability of the return of Christ, today we'll look at the fact that unless we see Christ's return, death is certain. How should this truth motivate every person?

BIG IDEA: Eternity is inevitable.

Read Luke 16:19-22

3. Jesus constantly engages the Pharisees, who trust in their own righteousness. Here he tells a story about people they may have known. The rich man he describes in verse 19 lived the good life. What is Jesus saying about this man? How did the Pharisees likely view this man?
4. How do you think the Pharisees viewed the poor beggar Lazarus?
5. How do we sometimes act like the Pharisees toward the poor we encounter?
6. What response to the poor do we see over and over from Jesus in the gospels?
7. Verse 22 tells us angels carried Lazarus to paradise. The rich man was sent to eternal punishment in hell. What are some interesting things this tells verse tell us?

Read Luke 16:23-24

8. Review what is believed about the eternal places for those in Old Testament times, or before Christ's crucifixion.
9. Talk about the reality of hell. What do we know from the scriptures?
10. When we sin, what does it say about our belief in God and hell?

Read Luke 16:25-31

11. *"For the believer, this is as close to hell as they will ever be. For the unbeliever, this is as close to heaven as they will ever be"*. Talk about this statement. What does this say about our lives now, and our lives to come?
12. Is the rich man acting repentant?
13. What is the difference between true repentance, and reacting to the consequences of sin?
14. How is the Bible enough to teach us all we need to know?
15. Where is the rich man now?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:8; Ephesians 4:8-10

16. What do these verses teach us about the present place of Lazarus and other believers?

Wrapping Up

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

17. What command does Jesus return to earth with?

18. Eternity is inevitable. How do these scriptures give you hope?