GOING DEEPER STUDY NOTES (NOVEMBER 27, 2022)
FOR PERSONAL OR GROUP STUDY

This Sunday is the first of Advent, it is **HOPE**, it is the waiting time for the coming of Jesus our Lord. It is the great moment that changed the history of human beings, children of God. Jesus being rich became man and poor; He came to the world to save His people from eternal death. In today's passage we will learn the story of a rich man with no name and a poor man with a name. The two lived different lives on earth but before they died there was **HOPE** of an opportunity for the two to truly know each other and through this relationship to know the love of God, their true Creator and the purpose for their lives. Lazarus about to die asked for mercy from the rich man which he never showed to him. The rich man continued to live a life full of good food, luxuries and comforts; he was defined by his material possessions here on hearth and did not accumulate treasures in heaven. Lazarus, the poor man, was waiting for his death as a gift to go on to eternal life to live forever with God his Father.

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT: HOPE
 THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS *SERMON PASSAGE: LUKE 16:19-31*
[19] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. [20] And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, [21] who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. [22] The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side.[l] The rich man also died and was buried, [23] and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. [24] And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' [25] But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. [26] And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' [27] And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— [28] for I have five brothers— so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' [29] But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' [30] And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' [31] He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

1. Why is the name of the rich man not mentioned in this story? Why is the poor man's name mentioned?
2. Why did Lazarus lay at the rich man's door? What was he expecting and hoping for?
3. Why and how similar were the rich man, his father and his five brothers?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

4. What this parable teaches us about food?
5. What are the different things people will experience in the world, heaven and in Hades?
6. Why we need to show compassion to the poor?

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?

7. What opportunities the rich man miss? Who is the one who provides the riches?
8. Why did Jesus say in Matthew 26:11 "The poor you always have with you? Why do you think there will always be rich and poor in the world?
9. What does God teach us in this parable about the rich man and the poor?
10. What did the rich man ask for when he was in Hades? Why did God send Moses and the Prophets into the world?

Notes: _____
_____
_____

Take the time to read this passage again, ask God to reveal His message and plan to your life, He may want to show you more in His Word. Pray before, during and after you finish reading God's Word, and share this with others and practice what you just have heard and learned from the Lord. Remember that God wants the best for you, and your family. Don't let the things of this world distract you; please keep your eyes on Jesus, and let His will be done.