

## Getting Started

1. When was the last time you came across a beggar or homeless person? How did you respond?
2. How often do you help other people who are not family or close friends? Do you find it difficult?
3. This parable's use of the afterlife is for the sake of the parable, but what would the afterlife be like if those in heaven and hell could see each other?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

## Digging Deeper

### 5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 123:

#### Q. What does the second petition mean?

A. "Your kingdom come" means: Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you.<sup>1</sup>

Preserve your church and make it grow.<sup>2</sup>

Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your holy Word.<sup>3</sup>

Do this until your kingdom fully comes, when you will be all in all.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ps. 119:5, 105; 143:10; Matt. 6:33 <sup>2</sup> Ps. 122:6-9; Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:42-47 <sup>3</sup> Rom. 16:20; 1 John 3:8 <sup>4</sup> Rom. 8:22-23; 1 Cor. 15:28; Rev. 22:17, 20

How can help God's kingdom to come?

6. How does this parables (Luke 16:19-31) relate to what comes before it in Luke 16?
7. Read John 5:1-17. How is this man like Lazarus? How might this account in John relate to our parable?
8. How do the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:2-12) fit with this parable?

## Application

9. A natural reaction for many when passing by a beggar or homeless person is to avert their eyes and give them a wide berth. What if we look them in the eye and try to get to know them? Rather than being indifferent we are called to engage.

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## Parables of Jesus

### “Exemplary Behavior”

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.' 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.

Luke 16:24-25

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ led to the rich man's torment.
- We are to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the word of God and \_\_\_\_\_ the poor.
- We are to really see the \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ of God and not as an \_\_\_\_\_.

Topics: Poor, helping, neighbor