



## “A Stunning Reversal”

Luke 16:19-32

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Questions for Application and Fellowship

### MY STORY

1. Have you ever been caught goofing off or messing around when you should have been attentive and serious?

### QUICK REVIEW

The Gospel of Luke is a detailed, carefully-researched account of the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Luke 9-19 records the Lord’s movement from Galilee to Jerusalem where He will die for our sin. Luke 16 contains teaching that pertains to money and generosity. In this section, continues to deal with the Pharisees of Israel. Their complaining about Jesus’ company had escalated to scoffing and ridiculing when Jesus addressed their idolatrous love of money. Jesus presents a parable to sober them and to challenge their false assurance.

### **Read Luke 16:19-32**

#### **The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus**

1. The rich man’s stunning reversal (16:19-24)
2. The rich man’s plea for himself (16:25-27)
3. The rich man’s request for his brothers (16:28-31)

#### **Realities to take to heart**

The brevity of life - the state of the lost - the sufficiency of scripture

1. The reality of \_\_\_\_\_
2. The greatness of \_\_\_\_\_

Was any point in this weekend’s message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

1. How does the rich man in this parable compare to the Good Samaritan of the Lord's famous parable (Luke 10:25-37)? Would you say the typical American churchgoer bears greater similarity to the Good Samaritan or the rich man of our parable? In what ways?
2. Reflect on Galatians 6:7-10 and I John 3:16-18. What does God desire us to do as followers of Jesus?
3. Jesus tells this parable to convey the realities of heaven and hell. According to this parable, what can each person expect upon death? What are the implications for issues such as naturalism, universalism, reincarnationism, annihilationism, or purgatory? How does this sit with you?
4. We tend to think "If people could just see a great display of supernatural power, like a resurrection, they would surely believe!" This parable declares, "Not so!" Why do you think this is the case? (Hints: Jeremiah 17:9; John 3:19-21) Can you think of any examples from the Bible or our society where unbelief persisted in view of the clear hand of God?
5. If supernatural displays will not convert a person's heart, what will?

Romans 1:16-17

I Peter 1:22-25