

Growth Teams

Week Beginning
Sunday 3rd July 2016

Growth Team News

It's not too late to give a Growth Team a try! They are a great way to follow up on what we talk about in church, to get to know people better and to pray for one another. Why not try one or two out in the last two weeks before the summer?

Going deeper

In the parable Abraham says, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them." He is referring to the Old Testament, which says some challenging things about our attitude to wealth and the poor.

Check out the following passages and answer the question:

- **What does this passage teach us about how to use our money and / or how we should treat the poor?**

5. Exodus 22:22-27

6. Psalm 73

7. Proverbs 8:10-11; 15:16-17; 21:13; 29:7

8. Amos 5:7-15

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

Luke 16:19-31 (page 1050)

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Space to take notes on the talk

Starter question

- ❖ Who is the richest person you have ever met?

Responding to the talk

1. What one thing from Sunday's talk do you hope we talk about?
2. Read Luke 16:19-21
 - a. To what extent does the life of the rich man as described in vs. 19 reflect the kind of lifestyle people today aspire to?
 - b. How does the description of Lazarus in vs. 21-22 challenge our view of the rich man?
 - c. In what ways could Lazarus have been helped?
3. Read Luke 16:22-26
 - a. How do vs. 22-23 emphasise the reversal of the two men?
 - b. What is ironic about the rich man's request in verse 24?
 - c. What are the reasons that Lazarus can't help the rich man?
4. Read Luke 16:27-31
 - a. What warnings had the rich man ignored in his life?
 - b. If people won't listen to the scriptures why won't they listen to someone coming back from the dead?
 - c. Look at Luke 16:13-14. How is Jesus trying to help the Pharisees with this parable?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

9. How can we ensure that we are using our time and money to help people in need rather than just for our comfort and pleasure?
10. A non-Christian friend says, "The most important thing in life is to get enough money to be comfortable and enjoy life." From what we have learnt, what might you say to them to seek to change their thinking?