

Study Guide on Luke 16:19-31

English Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

(Luke 16:19) “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

(Luke 16:20) And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,

(Luke 16:21) who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

(Luke 16:22) The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried,

(Luke 16:23) and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

(Luke 16:24) 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.’

(Luke 16:25) 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.

(Luke 16:26) 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.’

(Luke 16:27) And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—

(Luke 16:28) for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’

(Luke 16:29) But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’

(Luke 16:30) And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’

(Luke 16:31) 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.’”

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?