

Study Guide on Luke 16:19-31

New Revised 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 dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

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

(Luke 16:21) who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

(Luke 16:22) The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

(Luke 16:23) In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

(Luke 16:24) He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’

(Luke 16:25) But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.

(Luke 16:26) Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’

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

(Luke 16:28) for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’

(Luke 16:29) Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’

(Luke 16:30) 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 listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises 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?