### **Prayer Requests**

### **Sermon Notes**

"God Will Reward Those Who Love Him" Luke 16:19-31

I. Temporary rewards for loving possessions (19-21)

II. Eternal rewards for loving God (22-26)

III. Jesus came to change us now (27-31)

## Sermon Guide

#### Luke 16:19-31



 What do you believe about the afterlife?
What types of emotions arise when you think about dying?

#### Read Luke 16:19-31

- 1. Why do you think the poor man was given a name while the rich man was not?
- 2. How do the lives of the rich man and Lazarus compare on earth? After death?
- 3. What determines who enters heaven? Why does the poor man qualify while the rich man is kept out?
- 4. Why wouldn't Abraham send Lazarus to warn the rich man's brothers? Since lack of knowledge is not the brothers' problem, what is?
- 5. How is verse 31 prophetic?
- 6. Why do you think Jesus used the parable of Lazarus and the rich man to address the hearts of Pharisees? What is the lesson in this story?

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- What does the parable of Lazarus and the rich man teach us about how we are to live our lives on earth? What changes do you need to make in your life to be aligned with Christ's will for you?
- The rich man wanted to warn his brothers about the torment of hell. Who do you want to warn? Have you? If not, what is keeping you from doing so?



Take a moment to read and reflect on the following prayer. "Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen" (The Book of Common Prayer). Following, listen to the song, read the lyrics, and/or sing along to "<u>Until the</u> <u>Whole World Hears</u>" by Casting Crowns