



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

October 16, 2022
Luke 16:14-31
“The Rich Man and Lazarus”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. Jesus makes the simple statement that "God knows our hearts" (v. 15). What are the implications for this in the Christian life? Which of these implications are you most prone to forget or ignore? What would it look like to live according to this truth?
2. The Pharisees had a problem with God's Word (vv. 16-18 & vv. 29-31) where they claimed to believe it but they didn't live up to it and they misunderstood it.
3. What are some practical ways we can actually honor the authority of Scripture in our lives? What are some challenges we face when we try to do so?
4. The Pharisees had the Bible, but they missed Jesus. What implications does that have for us? What does that mean for our evangelism?
5. [Note to discussion leaders—the implication here is NOT that the Bible is impotent in our evangelism, but rather that we're not just trying to get people to follow a list of religious principles, but to place their faith in Christ and submit to his Lordship in their lives.]
6. This text shows us the urgency of responding to Jesus in this life (see v.16 & the parable in vv.19-31). Is there anyone in your life that you need to communicate that sense of urgency to? How can you adopt that sense of urgency appropriately and sustainably?
7. What does this parable teach us about riches and the Christian life? How can your relationship with wealth reflect these truths?
8. Jesus says that some people will not believe even if someone rises from the dead. What is the point that he is making? How have you seen this to be true among your friends and family? How does this shape our evangelism?
9. This passage provides some hope to those who are part of the kingdom of God through faith in Christ. In what areas of your life does this hope provide particular comfort and peace?