

GR^WTH GROUPS

GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Jesus addressed this parable to the Pharisees as a condemnation for their (1) despising of the poor (Luke 10:30-32), (2) love of money (Luke 16:13-14), and (3) rejection of the Scriptures (Mark 7:6-8). Where are these condemnations present in the parable and where are they sometimes present in our lives?
2. Abraham told the rich man, “[Your brothers] have Moses and the Prophets, let them hear them” (Luke 16:29). What should these men have learned from the Old Testament? Read Moses’ writing, Deuteronomy 15:1-11, and reflect on (1) the nature of the society God intended to create with Israel, and (2) how our church today and us as individuals can better reflect this heart of God (cf. Acts 2:44-45; 4:32).
3. Jesus’ parable is a story of extreme reversals - the rich man became poor, and the poor man became rich. (1) Try to find as many reversals in Luke 16:19-31 as you can (who was on the inside/outside, who was begging, etc). (2) What great reversal do we witness in the life of Jesus (2 Cor, 8:9)? (3) As we follow Jesus, what sort of life should we expect to lead (Luke 9:23-24)?
4. This parable teaches some awful truths about hell - that it is a place of conscious, eternal torment. Hell is very possibly the most neglected subject in the Christian church today. What are the consequences of this neglect and what is the proper way for we as Christians to think about hell?