

Small Group Study Guide, Week of July 19, 2026

Luke 16:19-31, "Rich Man and Lazarus," Pastor Tim Cho

Q: What is the most important pursuit in life according to God?

Big Idea: To know God and do good for the glory of God.

Ice Breaker: On what occasions do you enjoy "dressing your best"?

Dig:

1. Compare and contrast the lives of the rich man and of Lazarus while living on earth and after their deaths? What do you find most striking?
2. What is the rich man punished for? How does his experience in Hades change his attitude toward God? Toward Lazarus? What determines who enters heaven?
3. Review the context of this parable in Luke 16:13-15 and explain the main point of this parable.

Apply:

4. In this parable, do you identify more with the rich man or with Lazarus? Why?
5. Reflect on how you are spending your resources of time and money in your life right now. Are you satisfied God is pleased with your current priorities? What do you sense He is calling you to change? How will you do that?

Adapted from Serendipity Bible (1988), This Morning with God (1978), Search the Scriptures (1978)