

# Sermon Discussion Guide 4/28-5/4 VGroup Meetings

Sermon Title: Bad Choices - Luke 16:19-31

Distribute name tags as people enter. Take attendance in FellowshipOne / collect new guest information including address, phone & email, etc. Allow folks to mingle, fellowship, and settle in with each other. Download/email resources from [www.vgroups.org](http://www.vgroups.org). Source for study guide, covenant, and more.

Open the session with prayer.

Discussion Starter/Ice Breaker: (15-20 mins)

Have you heard/studied the story of the Rich Man & Lazarus before? Do you have new insights or questions about the story after the sermon? Discuss them with the group.

Discussion Questions: (45 mins)

1. Read the focus verses from the sermon together - Luke 16:19-31. What are the 3 ways that choices made about Jesus affect our lives?
2. Study the passages below then examine the questions that follow.
  - a. Matthew 6:1-4 & 19-24; 13:47-50; 25:31-46
  - b. Revelation 20:11-15; 21:1-8 & 15-27; 22:1-5
  - c. Romans 6:20-23
  - d. 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12
  - e. John 14:1-7
  - f. Ephesians 4:17-32
  - g. Galatians 5:16-26
3. Thinking about the verses from the sermon & the ones referenced above, what do you learn about the destinations affected by choices made about Jesus? Heaven? Hell? Discuss the detailed differences. (References Matt 13:47-50, Rev 20:11-15, 21:1-8 & 15-27, 22:1-5, 2 Thess 1:5-12)
4. In the focus passage, there are no major sins pointed out about the Rich Man. Why did he end up in hell? How did his decisions about Jesus affect his eternal reward & the influence he had on those around him (his family)?
5. How does faith in & submitting to Jesus affect someone? What evidence is seen outwardly? How does this evidence influence those around us? How have you been affected by your decisions about Jesus? (References Matt 6:1-4 & 19-24, 25:35-40, Rom 6:20-23, John 14:4-7, Eph 4:17-32, Gal 5:16-26)
6. (Testimony) Go back and read Luke 16:27-29 together. What does the Rich Man ask? What is significant about the question? How does the answer apply to you today? Last week, you thought about 1 person with whom you needed to share your story with. Has that happened yet? If so, share some details with the group. If not, why not? Are there others that you need to share the hope of Jesus with?

Closing: Open the floor for discussion / questions.

Prayer Requests:

Close in prayer.

