



Crossroads Sermon Study
Ever After: Forever is for real
Luke 16:19-31
April 14, 2024

Lean In: More Americans believe in heaven than they do in hell. Why do you think that is?

Look In: Read **Luke 16:19-31** aloud together and write verses 31 in your journal.

Look Back: What stood out to you most about this week's teaching? What questions do you have? What encouraged you? What challenged you? What comforted you?

Take it Deeper:

1. What does today's passage suggest about human nature – even your own?
2. Read Luke 16:14-15. Who is listening to Jesus as He teaches? What are the similarities and differences between the Pharisees and the rich man? Knowing that Jesus loves the Pharisees too, what do you think Jesus wants the Pharisees to learn from this story?
3. C.S. Lewis said that there are two kinds of people. One says to God, "Have your own way." To the other, God eventually says, "Have it *your* way." What is your reaction to the truth that hell is just the end product of our own choices and trajectory?
4. We know there is nothing wrong with having a lot of money and that the rich man is not in hell because he did not take care of Lazarus. But in Luke 18:25, Jesus said it is hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God. Why is that?
5. In this passage, it is clear that death is final and there is a separation that cannot be crossed. How does that truth affect your day to day? What, if anything, does that change for you? With whom do you need to share this knowledge?
6. Read Luke 16:27-31. Apparently, lack of knowledge is not the problem with the 5 brothers. Then, what is? And how can you guard your heart from the same thing?

Look Up: *God, you have set eternity in the heart of every person. Let the truth that everyone lives forever somewhere be the driving force behind my actions. As I awake each day, let me remember that there is more to life than this earthly existence. Help me to set my heart on things above. When I feel discouraged, let me remember You are preparing an eternal home for me. Give me a heart for the lost and the courage to share the truth of eternity with someone in my life.*