



## March 14th Discussion Guide

### LENT SERIES: PARABLE OF THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

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This is a 5 week study called **Stories to live by: A Lent series on the Parables of Jesus**. Content for this discussion guide is based on the sermon, so participation in weekly worship will enhance the conversation on this topic. If you want to watch the sermon it can be viewed at [Sermons Archive - Good Shepherd Church Naperville](#)

#### Prayer

Open your group in prayer.

#### Icebreaker (10 min)

1. Share a time someone generously helped you.
2. What charity is dear to your heart? Why do you support it?

## Discussion (30 min)

1. Read Luke 16:19-31, Revelation 3:17, 1 John 3:17, and Luke 16:14-15.
  - a. Why was the Rich Man in Hades? What mistakes did he make?
  - b. What ladders does the world try to climb to earn favor with God and man? How do we look for help in things of this world rather than God or help ourselves rather than others?
  - c. How do you relate to the Rich Man?
2. Re-read Luke 16:31 and John 11:38-44.
  - a. What point was Jesus trying to make in verse 31?
  - b. What stops the world from believing that Jesus raises people from the dead? What do you believe?
  - c. Have you shared with those you love about the chasm between Hades and Heaven? How did they respond?
3. Read Psalm 118:7, Isaiah 41:10 and Hebrews 2:14-18.
  - a. Keeping in mind the name Lazarus means “God has helped”, how was the Lazarus in this parable helped?
  - b. What did Jesus do to help us all?
4. **Application questions:**
  - a. Have you reached out to God for help? What can you do daily to receive His help?
  - b. Read Matthew 25:40. Have you reached out to help others? What will you do this week to help someone in need or share the Good News of God’s help?

## Closing Prayer

The People's Prayer this week in Lent is: ““Lord, open my eyes that I’m not spiritually blind to suffering.” LORD, You came down the ladder and offered us help! Show us ways we need to accept that help in our daily lives and how we can offer help to those around us!

