

REVIEW THE CONTEXT

- What is the relationship between the teachings found in Luke 15:1-16:18 and this parable in 16:19-31? Why does Jesus go from talking about lost sheep, forgiveness, money, divorce, and then hell?

Main Point: The main point of this parable is to communicate that hell will be full of people who are shocked to be there.

MAN'S CONDITION (V19-21)

- This passage paints a picture of two men who are the opposite extremes on every worldly spectrum. How would the world view these two men? How about the Church? How about you? How about God?

DEATH'S REALITY (V22)

- How does death's reality impact the way you live and what you value? If it doesn't, how should it?

HELL'S TORMENT (V23-25)

- What does this passage reveal about the sinner's experience in hell?

HELL'S PERMANENCY (V26-28)

- READ Daniel 12:2; Mark 9:48; and Revelation 14:10-11
- The same greek word used to describe the eternal nature of God is also used to describe the eternal nature of hell. Hell will consist of eternal conscious torment—without relief, without escape, without hope, without end. Is this a just punishment for sin? Why or why not?

SCRIPTURE'S SUFFICIENCY (V29-31)

- What elements of the gospel can be found in Moses and the prophets (the Old Testament)? Was this sufficient for salvation? Why or why not?
- If the Old Testament contains revelation sufficient for salvation, what are the implications for all people everywhere *this* side of the resurrection and the completion of the New Testament?

TODAY'S URGENCY

- READ Matthew 7:21-23
- Question for reflection (Take a few minutes to consider): Why will hell be full of people who are shocked to be there? And how do you know that you will not be one of them?

CLOSE

- Think of at least one friend or family member who is not a believer. Pray for them. Commit to sharing the gospel with them **this week**. And pray for boldness and faith.