

# LifeGroup Deep Dive | “Warning Lights” 05/17

## Main Passage:

Luke 16:19–32

## Supporting Passages:

Luke 12:34, Matthew 25:35–40, 1 Samuel 16:7, Joshua 24:15, Matthew 6:19–21, Galatians 5:22–23

## Main Idea / Question:

**Warning lights exist to reveal deeper problems before destruction happens.**

This week we are not simply asking: “*Was the rich man wealthy?*” We are asking: “*What warning lights might I be ignoring in my own heart?*”

## PORCH TALK

### Conversation Starters (choose 3–4):

What part of Sunday’s message challenged you the most?

Why do you think people ignore warning signs spiritually?

What are some modern things that compete for the throne of our hearts?

How can success become a spiritual distraction?

What “warning lights” do people often normalize spiritually?

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## LIVING ROOM

*(Deeper discipleship dialogue)*

### 1) Your Heart Cannot Hold Two Kings

**Read:** Luke 16:19–21; Luke 12:34

**Brief Context:** The rich man’s issue wasn’t merely money—it was mastery. His possessions revealed what actually ruled him.

**Say:** Your heart has room for only one king. Something will always sit on the throne.

**Ask (slow down here):** What competes most for your affection and trust right now? How can blessings quietly become distractions? Where do you see divided loyalty in your own life? What does your stewardship reveal about what you truly treasure? How can outward success hide inward drift?

### 2) Don’t Ignore the Needy at Your Doorstep

**Read:** Luke 16:20–21; Matthew 25:35–40

**Brief Context:** Lazarus wasn’t hidden. He was placed directly in front of the rich man every day. The issue was not access—it was compassion.

**Say:** A heart aligned with God eventually notices people.

**Ask:** Who has God placed in your path that you may be overlooking? Why is it easy to become consumed with our own lives? What does compassion practically look like in everyday life? How can comfort dull our awareness of others? Have you ever felt spiritually convicted to help someone and ignored it?

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## 3) Habits Shape the Heart

**Read:** Matthew 22:37–39; Galatians 5:22–23

**Brief Context:** The rich man didn’t become hardened overnight. Small patterns slowly formed his heart.

**Say:** Sometimes your heart forms your habits. Sometimes your habits form your heart.

**Ask:** What habits are shaping your heart right now? Where are your routines moving you closer to—or further from—God? How do repeated small choices shape spiritual direction? What spiritual habits help cultivate compassion and dependence on God? What unhealthy rhythms may be dulling your heart spiritually?

## 4) Live With Eternity in Mind

**Read:** Luke 16:22–31; Joshua 24:15

**Brief Context:** The story ends with urgency. The rich man realizes too late that eternity is real—and that others still need warning.

**Say:** The greatest tragedy is not temporary loss. It is eternal separation from God.

**Ask:** Why do you think people avoid thinking about eternity? How does eternity reshape the way we live now? What does it mean to prepare for the Kingdom instead of building our own? Who in your life needs hope, truth, or the gospel right now? How does loving people include caring about their spiritual future?

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## AFTER GLOW

*(Prayerful reflection & ministry space)*

**Read:** Matthew 6:19–21

**Say:** Warning lights are grace. They invite us to stop before deeper damage happens.

**Reflective Questions:** What warning light is God exposing in you right now? Where have your priorities drifted? Who has God placed in your path that needs compassion? What would repentance look like practically this week?

## FOLLOW-UP & CHALLENGE

<b>Movement</b>	<b>Practice</b>
<b>Examine the Throne</b>	Identify what competes with God in your heart
<b>See the Person</b>	Respond to someone in need this week
<b>Change One Rhythm</b>	Build habits that shape your heart toward Christ
<b>Choose the Kingdom</b>	Live with eternity in mind

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