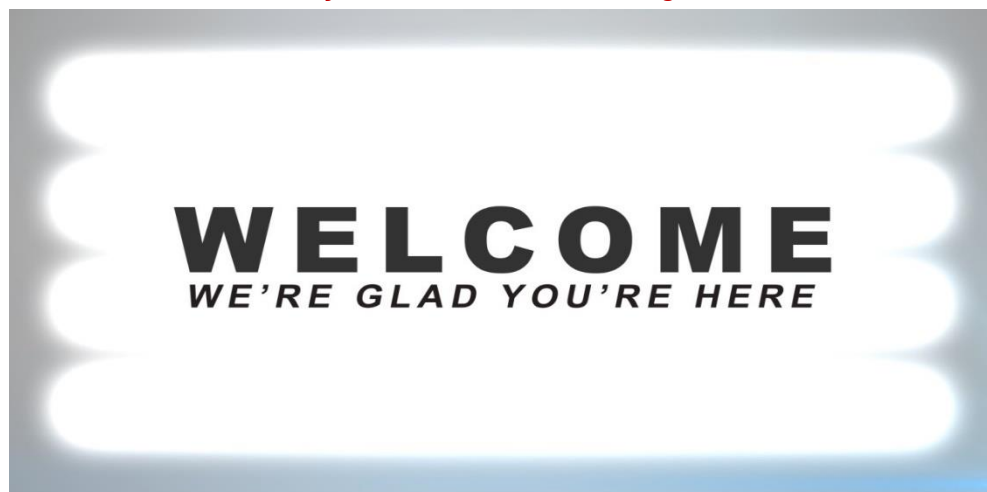




WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Praise him you heavens
PRAYER
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SINGING TOGETHER Christ is all
Hymn of Heaven
What a beautiful name
BIBLE READING Luke 16:19-31 (Church Bible page 1102)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Yet not I but Christ in me



Can you see it? ~6
Where will you go after death.
(Parable of the Rich man and Lazarus).
Luke 16:19-31

1. Two very different _____.

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day.' Luke 16:19 NIV

'At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.' Luke 16:20-21 NIV

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'
Matthew 5:3 NIV

'What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?' Luke 9:25 NIV

2. Two very different _____.

'The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' Luke 16:22-24 NIV

'Besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' Luke 16:26 NIV

3. Two very different _____.

'If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?'

Luke 16:11-12 NIV

'Use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.' Luke 16:9 NIV

'You can't serve God and money.' Luke 16:13 NIV

'Whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' Matthew 25:45 NIV

'Send Lazarus.' Luke 16:24 NIV

4. Two very different _____.

'I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' Luke 16:27-28 NIV

'Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' 'No, father Abraham ... if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' Luke 16:29-31 NIV

'You will always have the poor among you.' John 12:8 NIV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. What did you believe about heaven as a child?
2. What did Jesus tell the Pharisees before telling this parable? (See Luke 16:11-12).
3. Read the Parable of the Rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31.
 - What did the rich man and Lazarus have in common? How did they differ?
 - Why do you think it is significant that Lazarus is given a name and the rich man is not? What might Jesus be trying to communicate by giving Lazarus a name?
 - Read Leviticus 25, Exodus 23:11, Deuteronomy 14:28-29. If the Jewish people followed God's laws, what would that have meant for the poor among them like Lazarus?
 - What did the rich man request that Father Abraham have Lazarus do and what do these requests teach us about the rich man?
 - Why would Abraham not send a warning to the rich man's brothers?
 - The rich man was not tormented for being rich, nor was Lazarus rewarded for being poor. What was the reason behind where each man ended up after death?
 - What do we learn about a heart of unbelief and unrepentance from this story? What do we learn about a heart of faith?
5. Why can't you serve God and money? See Luke 16:13. How might what God has given you personally to steward, how can you use it to bless others?
6. What do you think will be the best part about heaven? What will be the worst part about hell?
7. What are the lessons Jesus might be trying to teach us in this parable about wealth? Death? The afterlife? Life in the here and now?

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