

# Discussion Questions “Tale of Two Lives” Luke 16:19-31

## Scripture & Context

1. Why do you think Jesus chose to give the poor man a name (Lazarus = “God helps”) but left the rich man unnamed? What might that say about God’s priorities?
2. How does the “gate” in the parable symbolize both opportunity and failure? What “gates” exist in your own daily life?

## Seeing and Blindness

3. Billy stressed that *luxury isn’t the villain, blindness is*. What are ways comfort or routine can make us blind to needs right in front of us?
4. Who might be the “Lazarus at your gate” right now: someone overlooked, inconvenient, or easy to ignore?

## The Great Reversal & Chasm

5. Abraham tells the rich man, “*Remember...*” How does memory play a role in both accountability and judgment?
6. The parable speaks of a “great chasm” fixed in eternity. How does this image challenge the idea that we’ll always have more time to make things right?

## Scripture’s Sufficiency

7. Why do you think Jesus insists that “Moses and the Prophets” are enough, even more than a miraculous sign? How does this speak to our view of the Bible today?
8. Can you think of a time when you were tempted to ask God for a sign but already knew what His Word was calling you to do?

## Lessons for the Road of Discipleship

9. Which of the three lessons (*Open your eyes at the gate; Live now for then; Hear the Word and respond without delay*) hits home for you right now, and why?
10. What’s one tangible step you can take this week to “cross the gate” toward someone in need, and how might you invite others (family, friends, group) to join you?