

WITNESS – Reaching out to others
(Aim for 20 – 30 minutes)

Practising praying with people.

In 2's, each person in turn share

“What’s been the worst thing that has happened this week?”

Ask “Is it OK for me to put a hand on your shoulder?”

Then reach out a hand put it on your neighbour’s shoulder and pray for them.

LUKE'S PARABLES

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Lazarus and the Rich Man **Luke 16.19-31**

WELCOME – Breaking the ice
(Aim for 10 minutes)

What has been the best thing that has happened this week?

OR

When have you felt closest to God this week?

WORSHIP – Meeting the Lord
(Aim for 10 – 15 minutes)

Each person in turn, say “Thank you” to God for the best thing that has happened OR when God has felt closest this week.

WORD – Applying the truth
(Aim for 40 – 45 minutes)

1 Read Luke 16.19-31

2 In verses 16 to 18 Jesus goes on to accuse the Pharisees of twisting the Scriptures in order to justify their actions, whether that be piling up money or getting around the Mosaic law on divorce.

In the first part of this week's parable Jesus contrasts the earthly status of Lazarus and the rich man, and then their different eternal states. What does Jesus want the Pharisees to see about the relationship of money in this life and in the life after death?

3 What did the rich man do that was wrong and what did he forget when he was living in luxury?

4a Who are the equivalent of Lazarus today?

4b Who are the people found on our doorstep?

5 What is wrong with the rich man's attitude in verse 24?

6 Why should the rich man have known better (verse 29)?

7 What should we be doing so that we know God's values (verse 29)?