

LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

Luke 16:19-31



KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

REVERSAL

REPENTANCE

JUSTICE

Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

PRAYER TIME

As a family, pray the Serenity Prayer (written by Reinhold Niebuhr).

**God grant me the serenity to
accept the things I cannot change;
the courage to change the things I can;
and the wisdom to know the difference.**

TALK TIME

- We are encouraged as families to talk about drugs. Do we ever talk about money as a drug? How does money control our behavior as a family? Are we spending our money in the way God asks of us? Try not spending any money for a day or more. Is it hard to do?
- Talk about how people at school, work, or in the neighborhood try to one-up everyone else. Why do people think they have to have more stuff or better stuff than anyone else?
- The rich man didn't respond to Lazarus. Did he see him? Did he hear him? Keep a piece of paper with you when you are away from home and watch for the needs of people that you might otherwise not notice. Make a list of what you see and hear and bring it to family prayer time.



WEB TIME

Use an Internet search engine to search for the key words listed on this page. Write down the most interesting sites you find. Then do a search for "repentance." What do you find? Explore five sites that mention the term, and discuss the various opinions and perspectives that you find.

RITUAL TIME

Try instituting this practice in your family: The next time you decide to buy something new other than essentials, make a commitment to give something away too. This natural balance forces the buyer to decide whether the new item will be worth giving up something else. Consumption and sharing become more closely tied through this simple practice.