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Study 14 - Luke 16:16-18:8

1. What has Jesus been speaking about in chapter 16 and what have the Pharisees concluded about Jesus? Why is this a problem based on Jesus' words in (vs16-17)?
2. In what way does Jesus fulfil rather than undermine the purposes, promises, and patterns revealed in the Old Testament? How do we see this in the story of the rich man and Lazarus?
3. In the story (16:19-31), who are the main characters? Who is it focused on?
4. What were some of the reasons the rich man ended up in Hades? (Ref: Luke 3:8–11/ Luke 16:30 / think back to 16:13-14)
5. How does the parable point to the importance of heeding what Jesus has been saying so far regarding his Kingdom?
6. What Christian (Kingdom) characteristics does Jesus speak into from 17:1-10?
7. What is the surprise in the account of the ten lepers? How does Jesus respond to the Samaritan leper (17-19)? What does this account tell us about who the Kingdom is for?
8. How does Jesus answer the Pharisees' question about the Kingdom in 17:20? How is the Kingdom in their midst? (Hint: The cleansing of the lepers is an example).
9. In Luke 17:22–37 Jesus elaborates on a different period of time (the days of the Son of Man), what do Jesus' illustrations from nature and from Scripture (Noah, Lot) teach us about his return?
10. How should we respond to the reality that Jesus is coming again in judgement?
11. How does the parable of the persistent widow help us not to lose heart in light of the realities of the coming judgment?