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[start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:
Pearl Island Team #3 (July 21-31)
CVCKids Sports Camp (July 22-26)

[set up]

What do we learn about Heaven and Hell from the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus?

Most of us are extremely wealthy compared to Lazarus. What are some dangers that come with having money and possessions?

[digging deeper]

Read Luke 16:1-31.

Scripture is emphatic that there are no good works we can do that will save us (Ephesians 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5). We can only be saved from Hell by God's grace, as we believe in Jesus and His work for us (John 1:12). Why, then, does Lazarus go to Heaven and the rich man to Hell? Does it mean poor people deserve Heaven and rich people don't?

Remember that while every Scripture passage is true, no one passage says *all* that is true. We must put them together with other passages, including those telling us we are saved only by God's grace. See if you can understand Luke 16 better in light of what Jesus says in Matthew 7:15-20 and Matthew 25:31-46.

How does this story Jesus told affect your view of the afterlife and eternity?

Lots of people don't believe in Heaven or Hell. How would you respond to someone who claims we cease to exist after our physical death?

How much does it matter that we live now with an eternal perspective and with the realization that we could die any day or hour?

What are some practical ways to store up our treasures in Heaven?

[living it out]

What's one thing you can do to care for someone in need today?

Do you think sacrificing today to help someone will be worth it in the long run? How or why?

Jesus says in Matthew 10:42, "Whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward." How does this verse encourage you?

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[praying it up]

Close in prayer.