

## **GETTING STARTED:**

1. On what occasions do you like (or are you forced) to 'dress up'?  
What occasions are you content (or do you like) to wear 'rags'?
2. What sorts of things did you believe about heaven when you were a child?

## **DIGGING DEEPER:**

### **Read Luke 16:19-31**

3. How do the lives of the rich man and Lazarus compare during life and after death?
4. From this scripture, what seems to determine who gets into 'paradise' and who goes to 'hades'? What is your reaction to this?
5. How has the rich man changed after his death?
6. What does this passage teach us about the afterlife?
7. What reasoning does Abraham give for not sending Lazarus back to the rich man's family?
8. If the problem with the rich man's brothers is not lack of knowledge (they have Moses and the prophets) what is their problem?

## **APPLYING THE LESSON**

9. How much does your faith/belief in Christ affect your everyday life (for instance, how you view the poor around you)? Are you satisfied with this?
10. What is the lesson of this story for you?
11. How do the prophets and the Law (Moses) shape how you live your life?
12. What does this passage say to us about our knowledge of the scriptures and how that ought to affect our actions?
13. What does this passage reveal about how those in Christ ought to regard the issues of poverty and justice?