

## Message Outline

CP the Sequel: GateKeeper

Luke 16:19-31



**Intro:** Pairing coasters with Bible characters...

- Power Tower, Wilderness Run...
- CP survey...GateKeeper...fun or frightening???

v.19-21—Intro to a “gatekeeper”...Lazarus.

- Contrast of characters...

v.22-23—Something in common...death.

- Contrasting destinations...

-Abraham’s bosom vs. Hades torment

v.24—Merciless now requesting mercy...

v.25-26—Abraham’s response: choices and chasms...

v.27-28—First request outside himself but still his family...

v.29—God’s answer in Moses/prophets...

v.30-31—Anticipation of what Jesus will do.

### GateKeeper’s General Guide

1) The R\_\_\_\_\_ from this Life

- GateKeeper’s 180 degree rotation...many who are first will be last (cf. Mt.19:28-30).
- The problem isn’t riches but a relationship (cf. Lk.16:13)...Lazarus’s name!
  - Jesus’ interaction with the rich (Lk.8:3).
  - Abraham a man of means (Gen.13:2).

2) The R\_\_\_\_\_ of the Afterlife

- Hell isn’t trendy but truthful.
- Jesus tells of Hell more than any other in Scripture (Mt.7:13-14, 8:10-12, 13:41-43, 49-51, 25:41ff.).

3) The R\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Ruling

- A loving God entails life with choices...
- The rich man’s choice (v.25—“you/your”)
- The choice of God to give every chance (v.30 and Jesus’ resurrection)...

**Closing:** The GateKeeper experience hinges on Jesus (Jn. 10:3-5, 9-10).



## Small Group

### Reflection Questions

(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week’s small group session.)

Read: Acts 3

*\*What do you observe about the early church in Acts?*

*\*What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

*\*The Bible uses a specific verbs to communicate Lazarus’s posture as “lay.” What word would you use to describe the current posture of your life (ie. laying, standing, waiting, running etc.)? Explain.*

*\*It seems the parable assumes the rich man lacked being a sharing man. How did you/do you teach your children to share or how were you taught to share?*

*\*Lazarus was laid right outside the gate, so the rich man had plenty of opportunities. Are there things right outside our doors as a church we should be doing? In your neighborhood?*

*\*Is there anything in the past that you thought God was telling you to do but you didn’t listen?*

*\*This is the time for haunted houses, many of them seem to be about the afterlife, like the 7 floors of hell haunted house. What do you think of when you think about the afterlife based on Lk. 16:24-31, Matthew passages in sermon, and/or Rev. 20-22?*

Challenge: Who have you invited for friend day?