



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

**Sermon Discussion Questions for August 3, 2025**  
**Luke 16:19-31**

**1. What authority shapes your life?**

Who or what has the loudest voice in your daily decision-making—about work, relationships, money, or rest? How does this voice align (or clash) with Jesus' authority in Scripture?

**2. How does sin deform us—spiritually, relationally, even socially?**

Consider the rich man's blindness to Lazarus at his gate. What are examples of ways we ignore people laid at our door? What might it look like to "really see" them?

**3. Lazarus means "God helps." Do you believe that about your own life?**

When life is hard or unjust, what voices tempt you to doubt God's help? How can Lazarus' quiet faith shape our understanding of trust—even when we don't feel seen or helped?

**4. Why is self-made faith ultimately exhausting?**

How have you experienced the burden of trying to construct your own moral life or define your identity apart from Jesus? What does it mean to find rest in Christ as the true authority?

**5. What does it look like to respond to mercy with mercy?**

Jesus became poor so we might be rich in grace. What would change in your relationships—with the lonely, the angry, or the forgotten—if you truly believed you had received such undeserved kindness?