

Parish Church of **St. Barnabas, Swanland** *Sharing Christ through friendship.*

Group notes w/beg. Sun. **22/9/13 (Trin. 17)**. Bible texts: 1 Tim. 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-end  
*On the journey with Jesus: the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus ('Investing in Eternity' (2))*

<b>Welcome</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You are the richest person in the world. How would you use your wealth?</li> <li>2. You are the poorest person in the world. What would be your greatest need?</li> </ol>
<b>Worship ideas</b>	<p><i>Worship suggestions: SOF 120 From heaven you came; 1120 Will you come and follow me; 19 Amazing Grace (remember John Newton and his life style before he found Christ); 54 Brother sister let me serve you. (NB: 20 files containing about 30 newer songs are available to borrow from the office for groups)</i></p>
<b>Word (refs.↓)</b>	<p>NB Check the church website <a href="http://www.stbchurch.org.uk">www.stbchurch.org.uk</a> (click on the 'downloads' tab) for Sunday's sermon. Some suggestions for discussion here – you might prefer to focus on just 2 or 3 questions. Bear in mind that this parable is not about heaven and hell it is about attitudes, relationships (and action with compassion).</p>
<p><b><u>Read</u></b>                  Luke                  16:19 - end</p>	<p>Read Vv19 and 31. Consider the rich man. In a wider context to whom may Jesus have been referring? Could it have been The Pharisees (Consider Luke 16: 14). Is there a possibility that Jesus may be drawing attention to a wider group of people? (Consider Matthew 25:31 – end)</p> <p>Vv20. Consider Lazarus. What was the only thing he had?</p> <p>Vv22 – 24. In what way do you think the rich man did not recognise his situation by still demanding support from Lazarus? What might this tell us about ourselves; living as we do in one of the richest nations on earth and our attitude to those countries who have nothing?</p> <p>Vv25 – 26. Bearing in mind that this parable is not about heaven and hell, how do we understand the concept of this “great chasm”?</p> <p>Vv27 – 31. Increasingly we live in a country where Christians and God’s Word are being marginalised and ignored. How important is God’s Word to you? How could you make a difference?</p>
<b><u>Witness</u></b>	<p><b><u>Pray</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ for your mission link; for faith-equipping people, projects or plans you are aware of which need funding.</li> <li>❖ for God’s provision for our needs as a church fellowship.</li> <li>❖ How we might use our income more wisely in God’s service.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Plan</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ continuing group plans for the term, including social/ outreach events e.g. the Cider and Sausage Festival (Harvest Supper) at the Village Hall on Sat. October 5<sup>th</sup> with Roger Simpson (Archbishop’s Missioner) speaking on the subject ‘Taste and See’.</li> <li>❖ to consider coming as a group to the launch of ‘Believe in Hull’ with Archbishop Sentamu, Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup> at Holy Trinity Hull, 7.30 pm.</li> </ul>