August 28 – Sermon Text is Luke 16:19-31 Needs: Everybody has them!

Key verse: And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. - Luke 16:20-21

Write your thoughts about the questions in the space below and discuss them with a partner. Be sure to turn in your answers. Thanks!

1. Poor Lazarus' needs are the driving issue for the story. But all of us have needs. What are the biggest needs that you face collectively as a congregation – what needs work for you to be a better congregation?

2. Even at our best, each of us have needs (even the rich man had them). What are the biggest needs you have that your congregation could help you with to be more whole as a person? A better follower of Jesus?

3. The rich man is an example of a missed opportunity to deal with life. What does your congregation need to strengthen to have more impact in the local community around you—the community Jesus sends you to?