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WHAT'S THE OBJECT OF THE GAME?

Luke 16:19-31

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Introduction: Every competitive game...whether it's cricket, croquet or curling...works in a certain way, and it has a certain goal. To play well, you've got to play according to the rules and always with the goal in mind. But let's broaden the question. How does life work, and what is its transcendent goal? All of us know that life is short. We've got 75 years...maybe 85...if we're lucky. And during those years, we build all sorts of hopes and dreams. Those hopes and dreams drive us to find some measure of meaning and purpose. But we wonder, "How does life work, and what's its goal?" This Easter Sunday morning, we explore both questions by taking a fresh look at Jesus' parable called *The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus*. I'll start with the story and then we'll tease out the meaning of life.

1. **The Story** – two people, two choices, two outcomes

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2. **Idea**

3. Takeaways