

SHEEP AND GOATS (MATTHEW 25:31-46)

CONNECT—Think of a fun-icebreaker question to ask. For example, if you could eat one and only one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

DISCUSS

What most stood out to you from Justin’s sermon this past week? What was one of your big takeaways?

Read Matthew 25:31-46

What stands out to you?

In your opinion, why is it important to talk about judgment? Why do you think most people avoid talking about the final judgment?

Read verses 35 to 40 again. Who are the least of these my brothers? Why is this important for understanding this passage?

How is Jesus’ picture about judgment not a “works-based” salvation? *[For Jesus, this is the standard by which you and I will be judged. Receiving or rejecting the messengers of the kingdom is evidence of receiving or rejecting the Gospel, the central message of the kingdom, that those messengers bring. And, our response to the message of the kingdom, the Gospel that Jesus has come to bring, will ultimately be what we are judged on.]*

What are some of the things that we learn about the character of Jesus in this passage? How should knowing some of these characteristics impact your actual life?

Read Revelation 5

There are a lot of confusing things in this chapter. But, what stands out to you?

What does this picture of the throne room add to Jesus’ picture of the final judgment?

What is one way that you would live your life differently if you were more regularly aware that there will most certainly be a final judgment?

RELATE—Consider splitting into guys and girls for this section.

What has been your biggest spiritual highlight this week? What has been your biggest spiritual struggle this week? What is one action step that you are going to take this week in light of this discussion?

IMPACT (Invite, Engage, Share)

Who is one person that you are going to invite to church next week?