

Observation:

1. The Lord Jesus will judge everyone

Prov 29:18

Matt 25:1, 14; 24:30;
Acts 17:26, 31;
Dan 7:9-10, 13-14;
Isa 11:1-5; 16:5;
Matt 9:6; 12:8; 13:41;
Matt 16:27; 19:28; 20:28;
Matt 24:27; Acts 2:34-37;
Acts 11:20-21; 28:31

2. Those judged are divided into two groups with two destinies

Ezek 34:17-19; Ps 23:1;
John 10:11; Lev 16:20-22;
Acts 20:32; Col 1:12;
Heb 9:15; I Pet 1:4;
Rev 19:20; 20:14-15;
II Pet 3:9

3. Jesus judges people by how they treated "Him"

Interpretation:

1. What's faith got to do with it?

John 5:24-29; John 1:13;
I John 3:9-10; James 2:26;
Matt 12:34; Heb 6:1; 9:14

2. Why do we need teaching?

Luke 19:8-9
Acts 16:32-34

Application:

What would Jesus say to us now?

Matt 4:19; 11:28; 19:14;
Mark 6:37; John 1:39

. . One word: invite

☐ I will watch

☐ I will risk

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' ³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' ⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' ⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' ⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' ⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' ⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Care Group Questions

“Mid-Course Correction”

Text: Matt 25:31-46

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1. Do you have a “mid-course correction” illustration from your life? (Could be a driving incident, parenting story, marital “adjustment”, skiing, etc.) What would have potentially happened had you not made the correction?
2. What were the three categories of questions we used to look at the text? Would this approach to studying Scripture work for you? Why or Why not?
3. What title does Jesus use for Himself in His words about the future? Why is it appropriate that Jesus uses this title in this judging prophecy?
4. What are the two groups which people are divided into and what are the two destinies?
5. What is the basis of each group’s judgment?
6. How does this truth about the judgment to come square with the assertion Jesus makes in John 5:24 about simply believing in Him and no longer facing condemnation? (see verses 24-29 of that passage for more context)
7. So how do faith and works go together so in a way that these verses make sense? Are we judged for our hearts or for our behavior?
8. The “new life” is eager to do good works, why then do born-again people need teaching?
9. What was the “one word” presented that is our church’s application from these verses? How might that one word lead to involvement in all the activities Jesus valued in His judgment?
10. How can you and your small group apply this “one word” into your everyday lives so that, at the judgment, Jesus will say “Well done, good and faithful servant”?

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