



Sermon Overview

Sunday, November 17 (Matthew 25.31-46)

With the judgment of Jesus coming at His return still in mind, He continues to hit on the importance of having persevering faith that bears fruit. The focus here is serving the church (24.40). We are to serve the Christians whom God has put around us because we have been changed by Christ. This is a true mark of disciples (John 13.34-35; 15.12; 1 John 4.7-8, 19-21). Such sacrifice that Jesus mentions in the parable is necessary evidence of salvation.

Discussion Questions

1. In this text what is pictured in parable? What is the gathering? Who are the goats and the sheep? Who is the King?
2. According to [1 John 2:28](#) and [4:17](#), in what way will faithful servants be able to face judgment?
3. Significant in this text is 25.40. Who is Jesus saying we are to specifically serve? Who is Jesus identifying Himself with here? Look at Acts 9.4. Who does Jesus identify Himself with here? What's the point Jesus is making in 25.40?
4. Take caution here, for this is the point of this text, but who does Jesus call us to even love in other texts (Matthew 5.43-48; Luke 10.25-37)?
5. What does the specific ministry to other believers look like according to Jesus here in this text?
6. In this text, what are some evidences that we are true followers of Christ? Do you see these evidences (even if not perfectly) in your own life?
7. Jesus, again refers to hell and also eternal life. Who goes where according to this text? What does He say about hell and specifically about who is there with us (25.41-46, especially 25.41)? Be sure to look at the notes below on *Heaven and Hell*.