



A Judging Messiah (Dave York)

Small Group Discussion Questions

March 10

Matthew 25:31-46

Community:

- What can you do better than anyone else that you know?
- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Core:

Read Matthew 25:31-46

1. Go back and skim the beginning of chapter 25 & even Matthew 24. What is the overall theme of this section of scripture? What is the specific call to believers in chapter 25?
2. Who is the Son of Man? What do you know about the title, "Son of Man?" (Read Daniel 7:9-14 for some OT background)
3. What is the Son of Man doing in verse 31?
4. When you read the word "nations," what group of people are you thinking about? Is it talking about one specific group of people? Compare to Matthew 28:19. It is the same English and Greek word in these two verses.
5. What are the six actions described by Jesus in vs 35-36? Are these still actions/ services we should be participating in today? What does that look like for us as individuals and as a church?
6. Do you think it is significant that neither the sheep or the goats "saw" Jesus? They don't seem to know they were serving Him. How does this impact the reader of the story?
7. How does Jesus decide who is a sheep and who is a goat?
8. In this section of scripture how are works and faith connected? Which is more important? Can you have one without the other?
9. If you knew Jesus was coming today, what would you do to get ready?¹

¹ Mark Moore & Jon Weece, *The Preaching of Jesus*, College Press Publishing, 84

10. What excites you most about Heaven?²

Pray to Close

² Moore & Weece, *The Preaching of Jesus*, 84