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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Life Group.

Count on Me Week 1

Ice-Breaker – What are some of the ways people tend to label or categorize others?

How do people usually determine whether they will be nice to somebody?

READ: Matthew 25:31-46

Is this passage parable or prophecy? What difference does that make?

According to Jesus, how will the people of the earth be divided? (25:32-33)

What will Jesus say to those on His right? What will He say to those on His left? Why will the groups be divided?

What criterion will Christ use to judge people? (25:40)

How would your behavior change if you treated each person as if he or she were Jesus?

How does this parable motivate you to serve others or tell them about Christ?

How would you counter the idea that this passage teaches salvation by good works?

What change does true faith make in a person's life?

In what specific ways has your faith in Christ changed you?

Who are the needy people around you?

What resources do you have available to you for serving the needs of others?

What act of kindness or mercy toward the needy can you do today?

In what practical, realistic way can you begin today to treat each person you meet as though he or she were Jesus Himself?

How can you serve others more effectively this week?