

Reflection and Discussion

Sermon Series	Tough Questions
Sermon Title	Does Race and Diversity Matter to God?
Bible Texts	Matthew 25:31-46
Date	October 16, 2022

CONNECT - Getting to know one another

- Question 1: What is it about human nature that makes race a divisive issue?
- Question 2: Humanity began with one man and one woman. Why is this fundamental truth important when we talk about race and diversity?

EQUIP - Understanding God's word

Read Matthew 25:31-46

- Question 3: What criteria did the Son of Man use when judging the people?
- Question 4: Why did the righteous people misunderstand the Lord's reason for his blessing?
- Question 5: Why were the goats' and sheep's responses similar? How might that be a warning to us?
- Question 6: Why were the sheep called righteous?
- Question 7: What aspects of justice was Jesus prioritizing in this passage? How does his concern reflect the message of the prophets (e.g., Isaiah 58:6-12)?
- Question 8: Why would Jesus make these issues of justice pivotal in eternal judgment?

DISCIPLESHIP - Becoming and doing

- Question 9: The Lord looks at the heart of the person, not anything external. How can we learn to see people as they really are—like God sees them?
- Question 10: On what common ground can you approach someone from a different background?
- Question 11: Can you think of any group of people that in your heart you are feeling, "They are not my neighbor"?