**Ice Breaker Question:**
Have you ever visited someone in jail or in prison? What was it like? If you have not, what would you imagine it being like?

**Discuss:**
1. When did someone reach out to you when you were sick or hospitalized and needed support or when you felt like a stranger? Describe what happened and how you felt.
2. This passage takes place on a day when God is judging the world. Is Judgement Day something you reflect upon at all? What might be the danger of focusing too much on Judgement Day? What might be the danger of rarely reflecting on Judgement Day?
3. Why is it that Jesus focuses on people in these categories: the sick, lonely, those needing help such as food or shelter? What might Jesus say to the rich and the powerful? What does this say about Jesus’ priorities?
4. ZPC is a very blessed church with talented people who have many gifts. This passage about the sheep and the goats can also be good news for us. What kind of blueprint does it give us for how we are to act and work as a church?
5. Do you know someone at ZPC or in your circle of friends or family who excels at helping the hurting, hungry, homeless, or in prison? What do you see in them that you might emulate them to be a better “sheep?”
6. Reading this passage can seem that we get to heaven or hell based on how we treat those who are sick, in prison, or need clothes food or drink or a place to stay. Is that what Jesus is saying? Why or why not? In other words, if we are saved by grace, what does this passage mean?
7. For those of you who heard the sermon, what are some practical ways ZPC is trying to meet the needs of the poor and hurting? What other ways in our everyday life can you be more like a sheep and less like a goat, stepping into ministry to reach the hungry, poor, sick, homeless or in prison?

**Homework:**
Some of you are already connected to a ministry that helps those who are in great need. Please share where you have served.

For those who don’t yet have a way to serve, think of places you might serve those who are hungry, thirsty, sick, in prison, or in need of shelter – including the new ministry coming to ZPC in November.

If you need more ideas, ZPC partners with several local ministries where you can serve; or you can serve here in our own building through the Zionsville Food Pantry or support Kairos Prison Ministry. Check out zpc.org under “Caring Community” or “Hands On Missions” for more information.