LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE OLIVET DISCOURSE: LIVING FAITHFULLY UNTIL JESUS RETURNS

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:31-46
Date: October 25, 2026

OVERVIEW

When Jesus returns in glory, every person will stand before Him and our true relationship with Him will be revealed. We are not saved by our good works, but entirely by God's grace through faith in Christ; yet genuine faith bears fruit in lives transformed by His love. Because Jesus came near to us in our spiritual poverty and gave Himself to rescue us, His grace compels us to reflect His love by seeing and serving those who are hurting, vulnerable, and in need.

Related Scriptures: Daniel 7:13–14; Revelation 19:11–16; Ephesians 2:8–10; Romans 6:23; James 2:14–17

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1. What stood out to you from the sermon or passage?

2. Jesus describes His return as a moment when every person will stand before Him and our true relationship with Him will be revealed. How should the certainty of Christ's return and final judgment shape the way we think about our lives today? How does knowing Christ change the way a believer anticipates that day?

Read: Ephesians 2:8-10, James 2:14-17

3. Our good works do not determine our standing with God, but they are evidence of the genuineness of our faith. How do these passages help us understand the relationship between saving faith and good works? What are some dangers of separating the two?

4. Neither the sheep nor the goats seem fully aware of what their actions revealed about them. What can the ordinary, unnoticed ways we treat others reveal about our hearts and the genuineness of our faith?

5. We need to have "spiritual eyes" that look, ask, listen, and respond to needs that may not always be obvious. Who are some people around us who can easily become overlooked or whose needs may remain hidden? What could it look like for us individually, as a Life Group, or as a church to reflect the compassion and mercy of Jesus toward them?

6. Each of us was once impoverished by sin and desperately in need of God's grace—and Jesus did not turn away from us but came near. How does remembering what Christ has done for us change the way we see and respond to people in need? How can serving others become an overflow of the gospel rather than simply another Christian obligation?

