



**Title:** Sheep & Goats

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:31-46

**Date Preached:** August 8, 2021

### **DISCUSSION STARTER:**

What are the differences between sheep and goats?

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Read the scripture text as a group. If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week's sermon at [my.worthingtoncc.org/listen](http://my.worthingtoncc.org/listen).

1. What does Jesus mean when he says, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory"? How would you describe his "glory" at the Second Coming?

For further discussion, read Matthew 21:6-9. This is described as the triumphal entry. With this in mind, what is Jesus meaning when he talks about coming in his "glory" at the Second Coming? Why does telling his disciples about his true arrival as King, just a few days after the crowds honored him, important?

2. In the Matthew 25 passage, Jesus describes the final judgment as a personal experience when He says, "he will separate the people from one another." Jesus has referenced a personal faith a few times in this Olivet Discourse. What are some other examples seen in chapter 24-25? Why do you think Jesus keeps referencing this in light of eternity?

For further discussion, do you think people today view the final day as a personal encounter with Jesus? Read John 5:22.

3. What are the similarities between the responses of both groups of people in Matthew 25:31-46? Why did they not notice what they were doing, or were not doing, was for Jesus? What is the lesson to us today? What does this say about living life like Jesus relationally?
4. Verse 46 speaks about two eternal places. One is eternal punishment and the other is eternal life. How do people today view eternity? Is it something most people believe in or is another view mostly accepted? As Christians, what is our response?
5. Jesus states, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. How do you respond to this statement? God has been preparing something for you since the creation of the world!

### **MY NEXT STEP:**

Read 1 John 4:10-17. How would you describe living like Jesus?

This week try to memorize 1 John 4:17, "This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus."

**Next Week's Sermon Title:** NEXT GEN SUNDAY