



Grab Gather and Grow

Grab this study, Gather a few people, and Grow in faith

SCRIPTURE

(read over the scripture together)

Matthew 25:31-45 Judgment of the nation

“Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left... “Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world

began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’ “Then those who are righteous will reply to him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ “Then the king will reply to them, ‘I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.’ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. I was hungry and you didn’t give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn’t give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you didn’t welcome me. I was naked and you didn’t give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’ “Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn’t do anything to help you?’ Then he will answer, ‘I assure you that when you haven’t done it for one of the least of these, you haven’t done it for me.’

DISCUSSION

What concepts of Judgement have you been raised with? Who was a “judge?”
Should the church be in the judgement business?

Our Question today from Children:

Why is it that God chose for Jesus to be born into a poor family?

Incarnation is at the heart of our question today. How do you see God becoming incarnate, one of us, in our community today?



Jesus proposes that the world be judged by how we treat “the least of these.”
How are we doing? What’s our judgement?

Listen to *On the Media*’s series called “Busted: America’s Poverty Myths.”
(<http://www.wnyc.org/series/busted-americas-poverty-myths/>) Discuss what you heard.

A core teaching of Christianity is this: Those whom this world considers insignificant are very significant to God. Who in our community should be significant to you this year?
To our church?

SERVE

Look over the last question in the discussion section above, pray over it and come up with one thing you could do this week that would help you fulfill one of the core teachings of Christianity.

Randomly be a Good Samaritan this week!

Sunday, the 14th is Human Relations Day throughout the United Methodist Church and Monday, the 15th, is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Our **Change for Change** offering will support the United Methodist’s Church’s efforts to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. Save your change, or make a special contribution this Sunday.

AT HOME THIS WEEK

Share, Read, Talk, Pray and Bless through life this week.

Each day, gather together and share your high and low of the day. Read a piece of Scripture; Talk together about the scripture and how it relates to your day; Pray about your highs and lows and where God is leading you; and that at the end of the day share one of the following blessings: “**You are significant to God**”; “**You matter to this world**”; “**Your sins are forgiven by God**”; “**You Are Loved by God**”

SUNDAY: Matthew 25:31-33

MONDAY: Matthew 25:34-36

TUESDAY: Matthew 25:37-40

WEDNESDAY: Psalm 8

THURSDAY: Revelation 21:1-6a

FRIDAY: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

SATURDAY: Matthew 3:13-17 (Sunday’s sermon text)

