



DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 4

WELCOME / OPEN IN PRAYER

WARMING UP

- Did you ever have an experience in life where you felt the judging of a competition, athletic event, or even a relational event was unfair?
- When you think about the coming judgment of God, what comes to mind? Or even more so, what are your feelings toward coming judgment for yourself and others?

REVIEW THE GUIDELINES FOR SHARING

CONFIDENTIALITY • LISTEN • PAUSE • SILENCE • NO “CROSS TALK” • NO FIXING • NO RESCUING
SHARING • SELF-AWARE • “I” STATEMENTS • FIGHT FOR RELATIONSHIP

LINK TO SUNDAY’S MESSAGE

On Sunday, Pastor Tim wrapped up the teaching series, “The Go of the Gospel.” The passage that was taught on was Matthew 25:31-46, where Jesus finishes a longer discourse about the upcoming judgment that His second coming will bring. The sheep will be separated from the goats, and in this passage, that determining factor is whether people showed a life of compassion and mercy for those who had tangible needs. This may dredge up fears of a works-based salvation, but as Tim shared on Sunday, this is not the case, because the sheep were surprised by the affirmation they received. Good works are a natural, Spirit-led response to salvation.

Read Matthew 25:31-46 and Luke 10:25-37

DISCUSS

- What is your initial response to the reading of these two passages, regarding how one may inherit eternal life?
- Take a moment to reflect on your own life, are you growing in compassion and action to help meet needs?
- Where or to whom might God be leading you to help meet felt needs, opening avenues to share the good news of the Gospel?

CLOSING

- What is going to change for you in response to what you’ve learned and discussed in this small group?
- How can we be praying for you this week? Close in prayer together.