



Sheep and Goats

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Matthew 25:31-46

This Sunday, we learned about the Sheep and Goats in Matthew 25:31-46. As a family, read this passage together!

- **WHAT'S HAPPENING?:** Christ the King is the last Sunday of the church year. The long Season after Pentecost is done. We celebrate this Sunday keeping in mind God's kingdom and the kind of shepherding King Jesus is. Jesus tells this story after a series of parables that tell people how to live in order to be prepared for the time when Jesus comes back again. Jesus is trying to paint a picture of the sheep and goats in this text is difficult for many of us to understand and accept. Jesus tells us that our response to those in need is our response to him. When we serve others, we serve Jesus. When people care for each other as if caring for him, this world will look more like the kingdom of God.
- **QUESTION OF THE DAY:** Which people were the sheep? Which people were the goats? HINT: Think about the behavior of sheep or goats. Jesus called himself a king. What kingdom was he talking about?



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What did Christ the King want people to do? What does it mean to serve someone? To serve Jesus? Who was Jesus talking about when he said “the least of these”?

- **BIBLE BIT:** Christmas stories can make shepherd's sound delightful, but they were considered dirty and part of the least of these in Jesus' day. Yet God chose them as the first to see the baby Jesus.