

Here are some questions to consider as you study Matthew 25:31–46:

- This text is difficult for a number of reasons. There are some hard sayings here, but there's also the challenge of understanding verses 40 and 45. Do these verses imply that what we do saves us? (You might want to read Romans 2:6–11 as well.) How does Matt. 25:34 unravel the notion that good works save?
- Verse 46 is also challenging to hear in this day and age. How would you respond to a person who says we should just emphasize Jesus' love and compassion and ignore passages like this? How is this verse an encouragement to you today? How does it challenge you?
- Verses 31–32 show us quite a scene. What does this tell you about Jesus? What about the world? How does this vision of things encourage you to share the gospel?
- On a scale of 1–10, how aware of eternity are you? Is it something you think about regularly? Why or why not? How might your walk with Christ change if you were more mindful of eternity?