

A APPLY

The goal of reading the Bible is transformation. We want to let the Word of God grow deep in us so that we can bear much fruit.

1. How have you responded to the gospel of Jesus?
2. How is this passage an encouragement for believers today? How can we proactively bless Jesus' people?
3. How has following Jesus transformed how you treat the lowly? How are you actively expressing compassion and service to others?

REACH

Not only do we try to reach the lost individually, but also through our partnerships and prayer. In light of this week's passage we'd like to give two specific challenges:

- 1) **Adopt one of South Shores Church's missionaries.** See how you can pray for them, learn from them, and support them in various ways.
- 2) **Plan a service experience to do with your group.** Here is a list of local partners that you could contact and organize a way to serve with compassion.
 - a. Family Assistance Ministries - family-assistance.org
 - b. UNIDOS - UnidosSouthOC.com
 - c. Casa de Kathy - KathysHouseSJC.org
 - d. OC Rescue Mission - RescueMission.org
 - e. Pregnancy Resource Center - PRCmedicalclinic.com

PRAYER

Close by praying about this passage, thanking God about what was learned and seeking His transformation of our lives.

Commissioned to Care

Matthew 25:31-46

I never knew:

I need to change:

I should share:



GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

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GETTING STARTED

1. Describe a time when you were called into the principal's office (or boss' office). What did you do? How did you feel?
2. What different connotations do the words "justice" and "judgment" have for you?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

SOMA

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SOAK

Read **Matthew 25:31-46** three times asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. Our goal is to soak in the Spirit, the scripture, and its surroundings.

1. What has been the larger theme of teaching these two chapters?
2. How is this teaching a fitting end to this section?



OBSERVE

Once we've soaked in the passage, we want to make sure we are able to see all that is really there; not interpreting, but taking note of what is present.

1. Who are the different characters talked about?

2. What do we learn about "those on His right"?
3. What do we learn about "those on His left"?
4. Do you have any questions from this teaching?



MEANING

Now that we're familiar with the passage, we want to get at its meaning. This isn't about what it means to me, but what the author was intending to say.

1. What is this scene intended to represent? **See also: Revelation 20:11-15**
2. Who are the "least of these"? **See also: Matt 10:42; 12:48-50; 28:10**
3. What does this passage teach us about Jesus' justice? How would this have been an encouragement to Matthew's first readers?
4. What does it teach us about how people will be judged? How does this harmonize with grace and faith?
See also: Matt 16:27 & 20:28; 2 Cor 5:10 & 17-21