

Message by Randy Archer  
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We Must Be A Community That Serves  
Matthew 25:31-46

In Matthew 25:40, Jesus said to his disciples about their service, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me." We will look at how this statement affects his followers today.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Have someone in the group read verses 31-46 out loud. What do you see in the passage that is noteworthy to you? Do you recall anything from Pastor Randy's sermon that is significant to you?
2. Verses 32-33 state that Christ will separate the "sheep" and the "goats." Apparently, he alone can distinguish the difference between the two. How does this separation process strike you? Do you think some who have claimed Jesus as their Lord but haven't served "the least of these" will be excluded from heaven?
3. Randy pointed out that in verse 40, the distinguishing marker is service. Do you agree with this? If not, how do you reconcile your answer with the statements in the passage that indicate that is the marker?
4. In verses 35-36, Jesus listed six acts of service: you fed me, gave me drink, invited me in, clothed me, cared for me, visited me." Can you recall a recent time when you have done any of the these six acts of service?
5. Are any of these six acts of service more challenging or intimidating to you than some of the others?
6. Randy gave an example of a church with a sign posting the message, "No Trespassing; Church Business Only." Are there ever valid reasons for a church to post such a message? How would you balance the church's need to protect its property and members/staff with the need to serve "the least of these?"
7. We wrote down 4 questions on note cards:  
What will this cost me?  
What will I gain?  
Where must I BE Jesus?  
Where must I SEE Jesus?

Are you able to tell your life group your answer for any of these questions?

