

“The Least of These”

Share about a time you have been able to do something for someone who has fewer tangible blessings than you have.

Read Matthew 25:31-46.

1. Why did “The King” compare people to sheep and goats?
 - A. He wanted them to know that He knows about animals.
 - B. He was telling people that they need to be more considerate.
 - C. He was giving a coded message to His followers.
 - D. He was giving a lesson to all farmers in His audience.
 - E. It was a metaphor for those who would be saved or lost (vs. 31-34).
 - F. He was really saying that some people look like sheep and goats.
 - G. He was making an appeal for people to treat others better.
 - H. “The King” was offering a way for people to be saved.
 - I. “The King” was comparing the personalities of the saved and lost.
 - J. Other.

2. Why did “The King” give the kingdom to the “sheep” on the right?
 - A. They were more worthy than the “goats.”
 - B. When He was in need they ministered to “Him.”
 - C. When “He” was thirsty they gave “Him” soda pop.
 - D. When “He” was in prison they visited “Him.”
 - E. They were His elite followers.
 - F. When “He” was hungry they offered “Him” food.
 - G. “The King” was right-handed and liked those like Himself more.
 - H. Sheep are more humble animals than goats, therefore more worthy.
 - I. Other.

3. Why are righteous surprised that “The King” gives them the kingdom?
 - A. “The King” often joked with them.
 - B. He wanted to give them a boon for being good people.
 - C. They didn’t see “The King” to offer ministry to Him.
 - D. They thought they would be lost.
 - E. There was no surprise, they knew they would get the kingdom.
 - F. “The King” was incognito and they didn’t know that they served Him.
 - G. They believed “The King” would offer it to the people who were least.
 - H. They wanted the kingdom plus leading positions in it.
 - I. Other.

4. What was "The King's" response to the righteous people?
 - A. "You were so good so the kingdom is yours."
 - B. "You have been an exclusive club, so continue to enjoy."
 - C. "As you have done it to the least of these you did it to me" (vs. 40).
 - D. "You can have the kingdom; you worked really hard for it."
 - E. "There is only room for the people who have given to the poor."
 - F. "Can you show me people who you have served?"
 - G. "You have served others, feel free to be served in my kingdom."
 - H. Other.

5. What did "The King" say to those who were on the left?
 - A. "Go away from me, you cursed, go to hell!"
 - B. "Give me your hearts and be saved."
 - C. "Enter the place prepared for Satan and His angels" (vs. 41).
 - D. "You may enter if you make it right with your brethren."
 - E. "Because you did not give me any food, GO TO HELL!"
 - F. "When you are converted, then check back."
 - G. "Remember, be kind to those who have less than you."
 - H. "Please give more time to decide your case."
 - I. Other.

6. What were the charges for the "goats" on the left?
 - A. They were not as smart as the "sheep."
 - B. They did not offer "The King's" people any food or drink.
 - C. They have not served "The King" as did the "sheep" (vs. 42-43).
 - D. When "The King" was naked they offered no Him no clothes.
 - E. They were not willing to offer love and support to the poor.
 - F. The "goats" were just as silly as the sheep.
 - G. The "goats" did not visit "The King" in prison.
 - H. They were too feisty to enter the kingdom.
 - I. Other.

7. As you read the story, are you currently "sheep" or "goat"? Why?

8. What would "The King" say to you if He summed up your life right now?