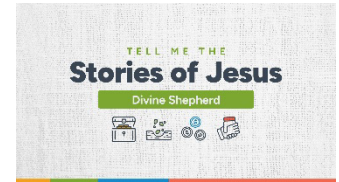


Divine Shepherd

Matthew 25:31-46

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Opening Thought Question:

4 Key Movements in the Sheep and the Goats Parable...

- The Divine Shepherd who _____, _____, and _____ his flock.
- The divine _____ that greets those belonging to him.
- The divine _____ that reveals and separates false forms of discipleship.
- The divine _____ that brings all things to their rightful end.

What is the fruit of authentic faith, how does it express itself in life?

(31-33) Divine Shepherd

(34-40) Divine Welcome

Contrasts in Matthew

(41-45) Divine Departure

Similarities – Both Groups

Differences

	Matthew 7	Matthew 25
Posture:		
Reliance:		
Problem:		

2 False Forms of Discipleship:

(46) Divine Judgment

Further Study

Matthew 25
Jn. 10:27

Eph. 2:10

Heb. 1:3a
Hab. 5:1
Gal. 2:16
Rom. 3:28, 5:1
James 2:17

Matt. 15:7-9
Matt. 7:21

Rom. 12:1
Gal. 5:6

Jn. 17:3
Rev. 3:20

TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS Divine Shepherd Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide	Matt. 25:31-46
Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week! Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests. <u>Read the Text</u> – Matthew 25:31-46 <u>Questions for Reflection and Discussion:</u> 1. What does Jesus describe will happen when he returns? (vss. 31-33). What did Jesus identify as the life-fruit of those he welcomed? 2. Contrast the response of the sheep to the response of the goats. How were they different? 3. How do these passages together — from Jesus’ teaching on the sheep and goats (Matthew 25:31–46) to Paul’s emphasis on justification by faith (Galatians 2:16; Romans 3:28, 5:1) and James’ insistence that “faith without works is dead” (James 2:17) — help us understand the relationship between faith and works in the life of a believer? 4. In what ways might our faith naturally express itself in love? 5. How can we avoid turning works into a way of “earning” what God has already given by his grace? <u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community?	<u>Further Study</u> Matthew 25 Jn. 10:27 Eph. 2:10 Heb. 1:3a Hab. 5:1 Gal. 2:16 Rom. 3:28 Rom. 5:1 James 2:17 Matt. 15:7-9 Matt. 7:21 Rom. 12:1 Gal. 5:6 Jn. 17:3 Rev. 3:20 <u>Prayer Requests</u> Family Church Community Career & Friends Other