

The Facilitator

Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

10/20/19

Text: Matthew 25:31-44

Title: Parables of the Kingdom - The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats

Teacher: Tim Rice

Surrender through Prayer:

Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.

Engage with the Sermon

Read the passage together

Judgement Day – The Final

Did you ever have a teacher spend time to review with the class what they should expect to be on the final exam? Or did you remember the old President's physical fitness tests we had growing up where there were a certain amount of reps that you needed to complete to qualify for the metal? In each of those the expectations or qualifications were discussed prior to the test. Imagine the shock of the final day of judgement when there is nothing you can do but watch the film of what you have already done. There will be no discussion of what is to be done cuz all the doing is over. The final day of judgement is all reflection or evaluation of previous actions or your previous "doings".

In Tim's sermon, he explains that on the Day of Judgement there will be a separating of all people by "their doings". Your eternal destination will be based on this aspect of "the like unto it command" to Love your Neighbor. This is a 2nd command evaluation. In a sense it is simple, your love for me as God will be measured by your love for your neighbor.

***Love from God to You
Food for your Hungry
God has fed you every meal
Ex. 50 yrs + 3 meals/daily = 54,750 meal***

***Love from You to your neighbor
Food for your neighbor's hunger
Have you fed your neighbor
How many neighbors have you fed?***

***Water for your Thirst
God gives you water for thirst
50 years old 1/2 gal daily water = 9125 gal***

***Water for your neighbors Thirst
Quenching your neighbor's Thirst
How many gallons have you given away?***

***Clothes
God covers you***

***Naked Neighbor
You clothe your neighbor***

***Lonely
God makes you a member of his Family***

***Lonely Stranger
Hospitality, take them in***

***Prisoner / Lawbreaker
God does the time for you***

***Prisoner / Lawbreaker
You – visit befriend and aid***

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Reflection Questions:

1. *Tim mentioned Jesus has a go to hell list.*
 - **Who are the people you have on your “go to hell list”?**
 - **Tim listed a number of folks he influenced to evil. Who are the people that you have lead astray?**
2. *Before God asks us to act toward others, he first blesses us by supplying what he requires of us.*
 - **How have you experienced God’s blessing in his feeding you physically? ...and spiritually?**
 - **How has God quenched your thirst? How has God made you thirsty for Him? Tell the circumstances that made your soul thirsty for Him?**
3. *Jesus says to you, to me, to all our neighbors “Come to me”. Jesus says come to me and eat my flesh and drink my blood.*
 - **What are your habits/rituals of coming to Jesus to drink of him?**
 - **How can we praise God for those habits and pray for those who struggle?**
 - **How do eat of the flesh of Jesus and drink his blood?**
 - **How do we help our neighbor see their need of the flesh and blood of Jesus/**

WORSHIP AND PRAYER:

A.C.T.S.

(Spend time in prayer and worship as you consider Adoring God the Father, Confessing your sin and weakness, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what’s been revealed in your heart from this sermon.)

1. ADORATION *(The Father)*

Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions

- *Worship God for his provision of food, water, clothing, friendship, companionship in times of trouble.*
- *Worship God for all the ways He is giving you to care for others.*
- *Worship God for His abundance and your need and Your abundance and your neighbor’s need.*

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2. **CONFESSION** (Me)

Spend time Confessing sin and ways in which you are finite and limited

- *Confess how much fun it is to be created in the image of a God who provides.*
- *Confess the wonder of what it is to get to be you and not only be cared for but to be designed to care for others.*
- *Confess the joy of your anticipation of the transformation Holy Spirit will do in you as you begin the journey to generosity.*

3. **THANKSGIVING** (Jesus)

Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)

- *Thank God for passing the test for you in Jesus. What God has required of me He has accomplished in Jesus.*
- *Jesus always feeds, always satisfies the thirsty, always clothes the naked, befriends the lonely. Hooray for His record.*
- *Thank God the Spirit of Jesus now resides in Us to do His Will.*

4. **SUPPLICATION** (Holy Spirit)

Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways

- *Holy Spirit, give me eyes to see, ears to hear and heart to feel the glory filled opportunities around me that you long to meet in me.*
- *Remind me Holy Spirit of your Satisfying Love.*

5. **Prepare for Gospel Community** (My Neighbor)

Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.

- *Pray for your neighbors to be bold to ask when in need.*
- *Pray for your neighbors to enjoy receiving when given.*
- *Pray for your neighbors to give and give and give some more.*