

Go Deeper Study Guide

SHEEPS & GOATS: 3M | Matthew 25:1-46 Pastor Bob DuPar • March 13 - March 19, 2022

Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group. If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcventura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read Matthew 25:31-46. Try comparing two different translations. Take some time as a group discussing your observations.

Why is our passage not a parable? What makes it distinct?

What does our passage teach us about *ministry*? What are the things that Jesus praises the sheep for doing (and condemns the goats for not doing)? Do you find anything interesting about what He lists?

Who are Jesus' "brothers" in verse 40 according to Matthew? Read Matthew 12:48-50; 18:6 & 28:10.

What prevents you from ministry? Time? Money? Your schedule? Family?

What does our passage teach us about motives? What similarity do you see between the sheep & the goats? What differences do you find?

Compare what Jesus says back in Matthew 10:40-42 with our passage today. Is it possible to do the right thing for the wrong reason? Explain

How is it possible that even Hell reveals the mercy of God? What does our passage teach us about Hell? How does this fit with other verses in Scripture? (John 3:17; 2 Peter 3:9)

Finish by discussing the following sermon quotes:

"It's not a question of God "sending us" to hell. In each of us there is something growing, which will BE Hell unless it is nipped in the bud."

C. S. Lewis

"Hell, then, is the trajectory of a soul, living a self-absorbed, self-centered life, going on and on forever!" Timothy Keller, The Reason For God.

## **Application**

What's 1 action step you can take this week to apply what you've learned from our lesson today?

## <u>Prayer</u>

How can your group pray for you?



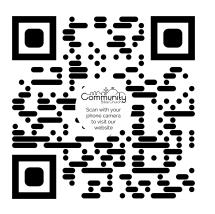


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Worship: Britney Christian Miller

Song List

River of Life
Battle Belongs
Reckless Love
Closer
Called Me Higher



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Contributions \$81,913.28

Budgeted Expenses \$106,730.77 Actual Expenses \$99,984.96

Offering for 3/6/22 \$10,214.00 Weekly Needs \$10,673.08

Fund Balances thru January 31, 2022

General \$172,507.00 Benevolence \$1,086.00 Building \$29,883.00



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**Initial Insights** 

3 Observations...

MINISTRY

MOTIVES

MERCY

**Closing Comments** 

