

We See A Church, Week 4

Scripture: Matthew 5:31-46

Also: Acts 1:6-8; Ephesians 3:14-21

Discussion Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. What do you think of when you think of living beyond yourself?
 - How do you think living that way that will help us as a church as we strive to be a part of all people meeting Jesus, knowing Jesus, and following Jesus?
3. Read Matthew 5:31-40. It seems as though those called sheep had no awareness that they had done the things the King said they had done.
 - Why is that?
 - What does that indicate about how we, as followers of Jesus, are to serve?
4. Read Matthew 5:41-46. By contrast it seems those designated as goats were focused on the things the King said they had not done (indicating they hadn't miss opportunities to serve).
 - Do you see parallels to people in our day? (Be careful with this question; we need to be very careful about being judgmental regarding people's eternal condition.)
 - What can we learn from this contrast?
5. What does the difference in sheep and goats boil down to?
6. In verses 40 and 45, the King (Jesus) puts himself in the place of those who are in need.
 - How does that upend your perspective of serving? (This isn't just a slight shift, but an upheaval!)
 - Does that move you - why or why not?
7. What needs do you see around you?
 - To put it more bluntly, where/how can you serve Jesus this week?
 - If you don't currently see any needs, perhaps ask the Spirit what you might need to change about your life - is it your daily patterns? Perhaps how your spiritual sight works (or doesn't)? Other?

May we have eyes to see the needs of those around us, and may we be moved to compassion of Christ by those needs!