

Kingdom of Heaven week 6

The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats: Matthew 25:31-46 (pg. 824)

God's kingdom is the only _____ kingdom;
God is the one true King.

Hebrews 12:28 (NLT, pg. 1018) Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.

God's kingdom was prepared for _____.

The eternal fire was prepared for
_____ and his demons.

Salvation changes our _____ to a sheep.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT, pg. 965) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

The Resurrection: Matthew 28:1-20 (pg. 828)

We are able to be sheep because of the
_____.

John 10:11 (NLT, pg. 892) "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep."

Lessons from this parable

Sheep know that relationships are more
_____ than actions.

John 17:3 (NLT, pg. 898) And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.

1 John 3:14-16 (NLT, pg. 1032) If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them. We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.

Sheep serve with no expectation of
_____ or return favor

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT, pg. 978) God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

1 John 3:18-20 (NLT, pg. 1033) Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.

Sheep have _____ to fulfill.

Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT, pg. 828) Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Final Thought: Jesus died and rose again so you could become a sheep and live forever in God's kingdom. Will you _____ to join the journey today?

Kingdom of Heaven week 6 Discussion Questions

This is the last message in this series “Kingdom of Heaven.” What have you learned in the past six weeks about the kingdom of Heaven and how has it impacted your life?

Compare Matthew 25:31-46 with Revelation 20:7-15 and Luke 16:19-31. These three passages are the only three descriptions in scripture of the final judgement. What details stand out to you and why? There is no grace described in these three passages; yet there are literally hundreds of other verses that describe grace and how to receive it during this life. What does that say about God’s character?

Read Matthew 25:31-40 and identify all of the names/titles used to describe Jesus. What does each one mean? What other titles are used for Jesus in scripture? Which one means the most to you? Explain.

“Even though actions are listed in the parable, the motivation was relationship, and that is the real point of the parable.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain. Read James 2:14-26. Does this passage reinforce or contradict the above statement? Why or why not? “Join the Journey” does mean to accept Jesus as your savior, but it also means as a believer we grow closer to Christ every day as a believer. How far are you on your journey? What step do you need to take today toward Christ?