



How to use Pod Talk:

Talking through the Bible during the week helps us practice what we are learning. Read the Sunday Bible passage, discuss what you notice, share what God is inviting you to apply to your life, and wrap up with prayer. **(SOAP)**

Sermon Main Idea:

Inheriting God’s Kingdom will depend, in part, upon how we care for those in need.

Introduction:

1. What types of things keep people from being involved in serving those in need?
2. Why do we commonly use labels and categories to make distinctions between people?

SOAP:

Scripture | read Matthew 25:31-46 and relate last week’s daily bible readings

Observation | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. What is the setting for the parable? (24:1-3;26:1-5)
2. Who is the Son of Man? What happens when He comes? (vs. 31-33; Daniel 7:13-14)
3. Who are the sheep? What makes them sheep? (vs. 32-40)
4. Who are the goats? What makes them goats? (vs. 32-33; 41-45)
5. Who are “the least of these brothers and sisters of mine?” (vs. 40,45)
6. What is the result of the King’s judgment of the sheep and the goats? (vs. 46)

Application | what can we apply to our life today?

1. How would you summarize the message of this parable? What does it tell you about Jesus?
2. How does this warning fit in the context of waiting and being prepared for Christ’s return?
3. How does God’s grace fit with the basis of His judgment in this parable? What does that mean for you?
4. What keeps you from living a life of compassion and mercy like Jesus and seeing all people as created in God’s image? How can you overcome that obstacle?
5. What is one step you can take in living a more compassionate and merciful life like Jesus?
6. This week how can you keep going further Up, in your relationship with God? In, in your relationship with those in the church? Or, Out, in your relationship with those outside the church?

Prayer | ask God to help you live out your application

Last Week’s Daily Bible Readings

Monday, 4/1 – Psalm 43:3-4

Tuesday, 4/2 – Matthew 22:15-33

Wednesday, 4/3 – Matthew 22:34-46

Thursday, 4/4 – Matthew 23:1-36

Friday, 4/5 – Matthew 23:37-39

Saturday, 4/6 – Matthew 24:1-28

Sunday, 4/7 – Matthew 25:31-46