

Catechism Lesson for Adults and Teens
Judgement Sunday

The Last Judgement

Read the Gospel Passage for this Sunday
Matthew 25:31-46

Contextual Background:

-This Gospel reading is always read two weeks before Lent, just when we are about to fast from meat. This Gospel is to sober us, reminding us that Christ is Savior and Judge, and that we will have to give an account for our lives, what we did with our time and talent, how we served God, and how we served others.

Discussion Questions:

1. If you had been one of the disciples how do you think you would have felt when you heard this?
 - a. Confused—I still don't understand
 - b. Scared—Am I one of the goats he's talking about?
 - c. Inspired—I want to be part of this kingdom
 - d. Disappointed—I thought being a sheep would be easier

2. On what basis does Jesus say people are divided into sheep and goats?
 - a. Randomly
 - b. Their beliefs
 - c. Their actions
 - d. Their character
 - e. Their treatment of others

3. Jesus tells us "when you did / did not do these things to the least of my brethren, you did it to me". Jesus says that when we treat others a certain way, we treat Jesus inadvertently a certain way.
 - a. When has it been easy to see Jesus in someone else? Why?
 - b. When has it been difficult to see Jesus in someone else? Why?

4. When have you been hungry, thirsty, a stranger, in need of clothes, sick or imprisoned, and someone reached out to you? How did it feel?

5. In these six areas, where do you find yourself serving most naturally? In which areas do you have the most trouble reaching out?

6. Who are some people around us who fit into these categories? What ways can we help them?
 - a. Who was someone we have met that was hungry or thirsty?
 - b. Who is someone who was without proper clothes, shelter, or feeling dignified
 - c. Who was someone new, a stranger, an outcast that needed to be introduced?
 - d. Who was someone sick that we could visit / have visited?
 - e. Who are those who are isolated in either prison or in their own homes that we can reach out to?

7. Considering that we will be judged based on what we did with our time on earth and how we treated our neighbor, what are three areas you think you could focus on for Lent to address places in life that might have been lacking?