

RECAP

As you reflect on last week's sermon discussion, what were some of the concrete ways your group decided to integrate the teachings of Jesus to your life?

Was there a particular passage, or practice that stood out to your group?

How is the Holy Spirit inviting you to integrate the teachings of Jesus individually?

IDEA 1

This week Rob's message focused on the last letter of the acronym AIM: which stands for Allegiance - Integration - **Mission**.

With your group read Matthew 25:31-46.

"Jesus is saying that a sign of one who will spend eternity in His presence is one who, with compassion, brings justice and peace to others, especially those in need, the least of these..It is our underlying motive that gets the attention of the King! Demonstration not based in devotion doesn't impress Jesus. "

What initially strikes you about this passage?

What does it mean that 'our underlying motive gets the attention of the King?'

Can someone have demonstration not based in devotion if so, what does that look like?

IDEA 2

Rob identified the 'goats' in the passage with three particular attributes:

- 1) Achievers -overly concerned about how they appear
- 2) Religiously Pious
- 3) Lovers of the re-assuring list

Are there any from this list that you relate to the most?

How do these attributes affect how we do '*missions*'?

Have you met people like this in the church? If so what do you think that does to the witness of the Kingdom message?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

As a counter to the three attributes of 'goats', Rob gave us three ways one can become a sheep. With your group prayerfully consider together what it might look like to become a people who:

- **Cultivate hearts that are absent-mindedly missional**
 - Is there a practice our group can adopt that will instill an instinctual posture for missions?
- **Lay one's check-list Christianity at the feet of Jesus**
 - Is there a way of thinking or perspective that needs to change in us? What is the inner change that needs to happen in us to move toward being missional?
- **Ask God to reveal his heart for the least of these.**
 - What is the one people group(s) or community Jesus is calling our group to serve in this season?

APPLICATION

This week spend some time in contemplative prayer and reading Isaiah 58.

As you spend your time in prayer and reading this passage on your own, invite Holy Spirit to reveal to you where you might be more 'pious' than 'righteous'.

Secondly, invite God in the process of discerning what might be the people group, organization, or community he is asking you to be a witness in your service.

Lastly, remember that being missional is not solely about giving money, time, or energy but its about being incarnational. Incarnational meaning dwelling among the people or to put it another way having intentional relationships.