



## SDG Discussion Guide

Matthew 25:31-46

August 25, 2019

For Starters:

How would you describe or define “sacred”?

What role do you see welcoming others play in your life, your work, and in the church?

Guidelines: The following is meant to provide an approach for further interaction with the respective sermon text and *surrounding passage*. Feel free to forward to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday. Group members may also find this write up in print on that Sunday.

First, as you can, read aloud the selected passage in your group. If you have time, read it aloud a second time - from a different Bible translation. If you have time, read it aloud a third time - from an even different Bible translation.

Before you begin your discussion, pray and ask God to speak to your group. Notice, what may God be highlighting for your discussion and learning?

Now that you have read the text together and prayed, what points and questions arise from your group? **Spend plenty of time in your group to address these points and questions.** Explore and see how God may give guidance in the discussion. The following are further questions you may use to guide your interaction with the text.

1. What comparisons does Jesus present in this passage?
2. What contrasts does Jesus present in this passage?
3. What values do you see Jesus addressing?
4. Why does what we do as Christians matter?
5. How does the world respond to the issues presented in this parable?
6. How has your culture taught you to respond to these needs?
7. Why, do you think, did Jesus use a parable to teach these values?
8. What from your culture helps you and what from your culture hinders you in following this teaching?
9. What from this parable do you find particularly challenging?
10. What is one thing you can do this week to walk in this teaching?

***As you welcomed us into your Kingdom, may we welcome others into your Body. Open our eyes to the least of these, and give us the courage and strength to follow you.***