

# Living for the Kingdom (Matthew 25:31-49)

*Praying with Jesus – Part 3*  
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*Matthew 6:10 (NIV) your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Matthew 6:33 (NIV) But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ is coming

*Matthew 25:31 (NIV) "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory.*

### 1A. No one is \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 25:32 (NIV) All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.*

### 1B. All will be \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 25:33 (NIV) He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.*

*2 Peter 3:11-12 (NIV) Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.*

## 2. Who will inherit God's \_\_\_\_\_?

*Matthew 25:34 (NIV) "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.*

## 2A. \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

*Matthew 25:35-36 (NIV) For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*

## 2B. Servants of \_\_\_\_\_ serve Jesus

*Matthew 25:37, 40 (NIV) "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ... "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'*

*1 John 4:20-21 (NIV) If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.*

## 3. Who will \_\_\_\_\_ inherit God's kingdom?

*Matthew 25:41 (NIV) "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.*

### 3A. Those who \_\_\_\_\_ serve Jesus

*Matthew 25:42-43 (NIV) For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'*

### 3B. Those who didn't serve \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 25:44-45 (NIV) "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'*

*Matthew 25:46 (NIV) "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."*

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## Study Guide

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Intro. How would you explain the kingdom of God to someone (Matthew 6:10)?

According to Matthew 6:10, is God's will always done on earth now?  
Why or why not?

What does it mean to seek first God's kingdom in your life (Matthew 6:33)?

1A. Why should you look forward to Jesus' second coming (Matthew 25:31)?

1B. What popular teachings contradict the Bible's teaching that judgment comes to everyone upon death (Hebrews 9:27)?

1C. Why does Jesus separate the sheep and the goats at the end of time (Matthew 25:32-33)?

1D. How can our understanding of judgment motivate us to live today (2 Peter 3:11-12)?

2A. In what ways is the kingdom the inheritance of the believer (Matthew 25:34)?

2B. How can Jesus' description of being helped be interpreted both physically and spiritually (Matthew 25:35-36)?

2C. Why is it significant that the criterion of separation involves our treatment of fellow believers (Matthew 25:37-40)?

2D. How would you respond to someone who claimed to be a Christian but had no interest in church (1 John 4:20-21)?

3A. Contrast the eternal destinies of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:34, 41)?

3B. Why did the unbelievers (goats) not serve Jesus in this life (Matthew 25:42-44)?

3C. In what way is it significant that what sends people to hell are not sins of commission but sins of omission (Matthew 25:45)?

3D. How can an understanding of judgment and eternal destinies motivate you to reach out to others (Matthew 25:46)?