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Who Are You?

Do you know who you are? Do you know who I created you to be? Do you know what I have called you to do? I'm not sure that I do know all that well. Sometimes I think that I do. But then, I become confused, forget, and lose my bearings. Then I wander off to think, say, and do what I regret having thought, said, and done. So, I need a little in service training! **A little?** Well no, actually a lot. I need all the help that you will give to me. **Is that what you want, my help?** Yes Lord, it is. I can't answer your questions without your help. I don't want to miss out on living the life you've called me to live. **You're right you do need my help. I'm so glad that you are asking for it. Let's start with a question.**

How would you describe me as I came to the earth to live as a man? How is this question going to help me? **You'll soon see, but focus now on my question.** Alright, I will. First, your act of coming to live on the earth was a gigantic sacrifice. You gave up all your rights. You are God, yet you humbled yourself to live as a man. You took on the form of a servant. You didn't hold on to your life. Instead you joyfully and freely gave it away. You weren't concerned about your own comfort. You devoted yourself to helping all those who were in pain and suffering. Honor, prestige, and power meant nothing. Loving, serving, and giving meant everything to you. You knew that this life is temporary and will quickly pass away. You lived to follow and please your Father in heaven. You went where He guided you. You did what He asked. You did not have your own agenda but waited in prayer for His instructions and blessing. You saw what your Father wanted and did that. You were totally devoted to loving and serving your Heavenly Father. **Yes, I am. You have described me well.**

I think you already know how answering my question is helping you, don't you? Yes Lord, I do. **Tell me how.** I love you. My love for you has given me a desire to be like you. I want to follow you. I want to do what you did. I want to be like you are. You gave yourself away in service to others. I want to give myself away in service to others as well. As I do that, I know that I am really giving myself to you. When I care for any lost, wounded, or hurting soul, I am really loving and serving you. **Yes, you are. Now, do you know who you are?** Yes, I am yours. Yes, I am your child. **Do you know what I called you to do?** Yes, you called me to love you and serve others. **Yes, yes, and yes. Love me and do that.** Yes Lord, I will.

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Parables *The Sheep And The Goats*

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NIV Matthew 25:31-33

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"But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

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NRSV Matthew 25:31-33

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When the Son of Man comes in His glory (His majesty and splendor), and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them [the people] from one another as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats; And He will cause the sheep to stand at His right hand, but the goats at His left.

AMP Matthew 25:31-33

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NASB Matthew 25:31-33

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ESV Matthew 25:31-33

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NKJV Matthew 25:31-33

Parables *The Sheep And The Goats*

"When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left.

MSG Matthew 25:31-33

Parables *The Sheep And The Goats*

"But when I, the Messiah, shall come in my glory, and all the angels with me, then I shall sit upon my throne of glory. And all the nations shall be gathered before me. And I will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and place the sheep at my right hand, and the goats at my left.

TLB Matthew 25:31-33

Parables *The Sheep And The Goats*

"The Son of Man will come again in his great glory, with all his angels. He will be King and sit on his great throne. All the nations of the world will be gathered before him, and he will separate them into two groups as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. The Son of Man will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

NCV Matthew 25:31-33

The Sheep And The Goats

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Parables – Matthew 25:31-33

In Context: *Read Matthew 25*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How has the Lord given you a desire to serve others in need as you have followed Him?

Who are you really serving when you help someone in need?

Why are even your small acts of service to those in need important to the Lord?

When has the Holy Spirit prompted you to go out of your way to serve someone in need?

When have you given food to someone who was hungry or a drink to someone who was thirsty?

When have you looked after someone who was sick, visited someone in prison or invited a stranger into your home?

Why can you expect that the Holy Spirit will nudge you out of your comfort zone to serve others in need?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Be attentive and obedient to the Holy Spirit nudging you out of your comfort zone to serve others in need.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Holy Spirit will nudge you out of your comfort zone and prompt you to serve others in need.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group when you have gone out of your way to serve someone in need.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you be attentive and obedient to the Holy Spirit prompting you to serve others in need today.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, help me to have my eyes and ears open to you prompting me to serve others in need today.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?
