

June 14, 2009
Week 37

Marks of a Kingdom Mindset
Matthew 25:31-46

1. READ Matthew 25:31-46
2. The Parable of the Talents immediately precedes this passage. How does it tie in?
3. Who are the sheep in the eyes of the shepherd—the Son of Man?
4. Who are the goats?
5. It makes heaven seem conditional on our behaviors, rather than God's grace, Christ's blood and our faith? Is it? How can this be?
6. Is faith ever real if it has no component of reapplied living?
7. Are there other scriptures that indicate what a kingdom life agenda entails? Name a few.
8. What is your realm of advocacy? Assuming that the Matthew 25 list of needy people is indicative but not exhaustive, to whom and how are your kingdom energies applied?
9. What about seasons when self-care and rest is the order of the day. Is that okay? When and why?
10. Are there some worthy causes that you're not likely to address directly in your time on earth? Which and why?
11. Are you secure in your eternal salvation? What do you base that on?
12. Are you closer to a kingdom-ordered life after nine months of kingdom-consciousness than you were before? Why? Why not? What would it take?

For the hardcore group:

Spend time literally on your knees together bowing to the authority of Jesus Christ as the King of Heaven and Earth. Find words of worth (worship) and praise. Recommit to be his royal subjects and to put his kingdom's agenda in the forefront of your thinking and living. Make sure that you know whether anyone in the group is reticent about giving that authority to Jesus, and offer personal prayer, support and understanding for that person's journey; not judgment.