



Week of Nov 19 - a

Scripture: Mt 25:31-46

Main Idea: Jesus talks about what will happen on Judgment Day. God will separate the saved from the lost. The saved will be invited into heaven and the lost will be cast out, and into hell. They will be told that how they treated people (the hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick, prison) will be as if they did it to Jesus himself. What a lesson we need to focus on!

Questions

Preschool: Will God remember how we have treated other people on Judgement Day? If Jesus were here, would you treat him nice? The Bible says when we do something nice for someone, its like we are doing it for Jesus himself.

Grade school: If Jesus showed up in church today, how would you treat Him? What would you do to make Him feel welcomed? If He asked for something, would you help him? Did you know Jesus told us when we do things for other people, it's like we are doing things for Him? We might be a lot more motivated to help people in need if we remember that in doing so, we are helping Jesus, don't you think?

Teen: Will there be a day of judgement? Will those who walk with the Lord be rewarded with eternal life in heaven? Will those who choose not to walk with God be given an eternal punishment in hell? How important is loving others (as yourself)?

Adult: Why is it hard for us to treat all those who suffer the same? Do you find it easier to donate to someone you know than giving for a stranger who is in the same circumstance? Do we have more empathy (understanding what they are feeling; maybe even feeling it ourselves) for a friend or a stranger? Is it that we are paying more attention to a friend, so we understand them more? Or is it just that connection we have with a friend? How can we open our eyes to others who need our help?

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY: For God to help us do his will and to be willing to help the less fortunate.

November Memory Verse:

Philippians 4:6 (ESV)
do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.



Week of Nov 19 - b

Scripture: Mt 26:1-5

Main Idea: Our journey through Matthew is getting close to Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. Jesus knew what was coming. In these five verses we see two big forces working...one side good, the other side evil. How thankful we are that Jesus completed his mission of dying for our sins.

Questions

Preschool: Do you think Jesus was worried about dying for people's sins? He did it because of how much he loves us.

Grade school: There were a lot of people mad at Jesus because he told the truth. They were also jealous that all the people listened to him instead of them. Those people were the leaders and decided they were going to hurt Jesus. Jesus wasn't surprised, he already knew that was going to happen. He told his disciples so they would understand. He was going to do some very hard things to finish the work of saving people from their sins. Because Jesus did the hard things for our salvation, we can trust that he will never abandon or forget his promise to save us.

Teen: Jesus knew what he was going to endure for you, and he loved you so much he was willing to do it. How does knowing this help you in your walk with Jesus?

Adult: Every day of Jesus' ministry he knew where the road led...to Calvary and the cross. If you knew as a young adult how your life would be lived and when your death would come, how would that impact you? If you were given a diagnosis of a life-threatening disease, how would that impact you every morning? Would you count every day? Would you determine to make a difference in the life of someone every day? Would you determine to complete some things which you had left undone? Do you think Jesus felt that clock ticking every waking moment? We don't know when our last day will be, but we know it's coming. What should be our focus in light of that?

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY: Thanks and praise for the sacrifice Jesus made, giving his life for our sins.

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