

Week beginning November 22nd

Subjects of the King

Opening Questions

- As well as King, Jesus is given many names in the Bible (Prince of Peace etc). How many can you think of? Is there one which you especially relate to?
- How would you describe Jesus' kingdom?

Getting into the text

Read Matthew 25: 31-46

- What is the key theme of this passage? What is your first response to it? What do you find challenging? Or encouraging?

- Who was gathered before the King?

- What criteria does the King use to separate the sheep and the goats?

- What do you think motivated those represented by the sheep to act as they did? How did this show that they were genuine followers of Jesus?

- How would you answer someone who says that these verses show that we are saved by good deeds alone?

Applying the Bible to your life

- What does this passage tell you about how to live your life as you wait for the return of our King?

- What might living out verses 34-36 look like in your individual life? Or in the life of your church?

Something to pray about

The psalmist writes, **'Come let us sing for joy to the Lord….For the Lord is a great God, the great King above all gods.'** (Psalm 95:1,3)

- Spend some time in praise and thanksgiving to Jesus our King.
- Pray for wisdom and integrity for our leaders both locally and nationally as they made decisions on our behalf.
- Ask God to guide you as individuals and as a church as you reach out to the needy in your community.