"Closer Walk" Bible Study

Mining Matthew Chapter 25:31-46

<u>Purpose</u>: To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

- 1. Where do you keep your prized possessions?
- 2. What do you prize the most?

Getting us into Scripture

- 3. Does this story seem like a parable or a prophecy? Why?
- 4. List the six actions Jesus will use as the basis of judgment.

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- 5. What kinds of acts are these?
- 6. For whom are they done now and ultimately (v. 40)? How do they benefit the doer?
- 7. How are those who don't do the acts and those who do them similar? How are they different?
- 8. What does this section teach about Christian responsibility?
- 9. Who are "the least of these brothers of mine"?
- 10. In summary, what did Jesus teach in chapters 23-25?
- 11. How were Jesus and his opponents different in actions and attitudes?
- 12. Is the judgment note in this section consistent with your view of Jesus? Why or why not?

Getting Scripture into us

- 13. When have you been hungry, thirsty, a stranger, in need of clothes, sick or imprisoned, and someone reached out to you? How did it feel?
- 14. In these six areas, where do you find yourself serving most naturally? In which areas do you have the most trouble reaching out?