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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 25:31-46 and pray.
- Have you ever read or heard about this before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- What surprised you as we talked about it?
- As we talked about this part of God's Word, and specifically about what it looks like to serve Jesus, what stood out to you?

Diving In

- 1. Have you ever had the mentality of just checking "the Christian box?" If so, what did that look like? If you don't have that mentality any longer, what helped overcome it?
- 2. Read John 14:6. God's Word is clear. It is only through Jesus that we are saved. What are some common mistakes that people make when it comes to this truth? Have you ever made any of those mistakes? How can you keep this truth on the forefront of your mind, and how would that impact both your relationship with God, and your relationship with others?
- 3. Read Galatians 5:22-23. Looking at this list of fruit, evaluate your own life. What kind of fruit is your life producing? How would taking seriously what Jesus said in John 15:5 help you to bear more fruit?
- 4. Thinking about what Jesus teaches us in Matthew 25:31-46, who are the "least of these" around you? Have you ever considered fostering or adopting? Why or why not?

Applying the Scripture

What are your biggest takeaways from this passage of God's Word?

- What practical step(s) do you need to implement in your life to apply what God has taught you in this passage of Scripture?
- How would applying this affect your life and your relationship with the Lord?
- Who can you ask to keep you accountable to applying this to your life?

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