

# NOTES & QUESTIONS

## SHEEP OR GOATS?

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MATTHEW 25:31-46

Context

Observation

Message

Meditation

Application

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. Here are a few more either/or questions for you: Air guitar or air drums? Mustard or ketchup? Bacon or sausage? Water slide or hot tub? Shovel snow or rake leaves? Family Feud or Jeopardy? Fiction or nonfiction? Owe money or owe a favor?
2. Use the COMMA method for your group time this week. Start with C, which stands for "Context." Review what Clayton shared in the live podcast about the setting and context of this passage.
3. Now move on to O, "Observation." Read through the passage. Give everyone 2-3 minutes to mark up any details they notice that might be interesting. This might be something repeated, a title or attribute of Jesus, something striking, or just something that raises a question. The more observations, the better the discussion will be. At the end of the time, have each person share at least one observation they made and why they thought it was interesting.
4. Next, let's do the first M, which today is "Message." Have each person pick one of their observations and formulate a single sentence to express what it means. This doesn't have to be complex or clever, just true to what the passage said.
5. There may be something Nikki, Eric, or Clayton said that you want to discuss in your group. Perhaps one of their messages struck a chord. Was there anything from the podcast that you thought was interesting?
6. Now, let's do the second M, which is "Meditation." This is when we prayerfully respond to the passage. A good way to do that is by taking your message or a line from the passage and responding to it with different types of prayers--prayers of praise, confession, gratitude, or requests might be a good place to start. Take some time as a group to pray in response to this passage.
7. Finally, let's end with A, "Application." What will you do in response to the message you got from the passage? Do your best to make it specific, concrete, and connected to the message.
8. What from this passage do you want to tell someone else about?