

## Why did Jesus come to earth?

Jesus gives huge life changing blessings!

Jesus came to SAVE will return to JUDGE

### Vision of Surprised People: The sheep and the goats

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the ἔθνη will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." Matthew 25:31-32

ἔθνη (*ethné*) - GENTILES

**SAVED**  
by **Grace**  
through **Faith**  
for **Good Works**  
Eph 2:8

### Lessons for Saved People

- Do not live like the GENTILES
- Do not try to earn SALVATION
- Serve the LEAST OF THESE
  - PERPLEXING
  - SCARY
  - SURPRISING (in a good way)



# ENCOUNTER QUESTIONS

Spiritual Growth Small Groups at Emmanuel Reformed Church

Review the sermon. What were the main points?  
What did you think about the message?  
What stood out to you?

**John 3:16** is one of the most beloved Bible verses. How do the following verses, **John 3:17-21**, relate to Jesus being the judge found in **Matthew 25:31-32**?

**Matthew 25:35-36** speaks of very specific ways to help people. We often read this as personal actions we are to take (which is a fine way to read it), but it can also be seen as what a society should be doing. In regard to caring for others; what do you think should be the responsibilities of individuals, of churches, and of the systems of a society as a whole?

What are your thoughts about this vision of sheep and goats being primarily about non-believers (Gentiles)?  
How should believers live? What does “even better” look like?

How do these Bible verses support the idea of caring for the least of these? **Deuteronomy 10:17-19, Leviticus 19:9-10, Proverbs 19:17, Matthew 10:42, Matthew 22:39**

10% of the world lives in extreme poverty. This is down from 50% 70 years ago, but still represents a huge number of people in need. One person cannot help everyone. How do you decide who to help and who not to help?

How does having your salvation secure in Christ encourage you, and how does it challenge you to live?

**Write one thing you learned from the sermon:**