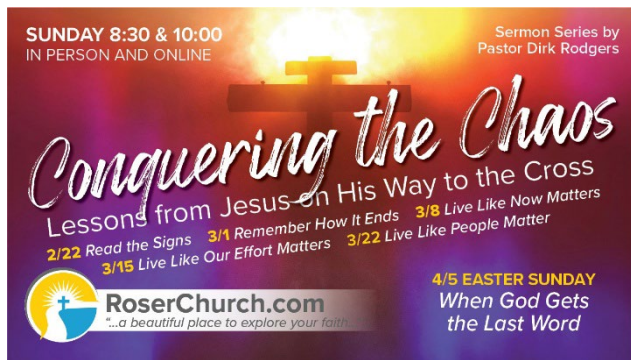




Today's Topic:

Live Like People Matter

Matthew 25:31-36

March 22, 2026

1. Knowing the _____

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left." Matthew 25:31-33 (NIV, 2011)

2. Knowing the _____

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40 (NIV, 2011)

"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'" Matthew 25:45 (NIV, 2011)

3. Knowing the _____

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'" Matthew 25:34 (NIV, 2011)

"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." Matthew 25:46 (NIV, 2011)

The Point

Next Steps:

Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 25:31-33, Daniel 7:9-14, and Ezekiel 34:1-6. Describe the "Son of Man".
2. If Jesus is represented as the Shepherd in this parable, who is represented by the image of the entire flock, consisting of both sheep and goats?
3. Read Matthew 25:34-46. Why does focus on these particular loving actions as a basis for His judgement?
4. Why are both groups surprised when Jesus pronounces His judgment?
5. What would you identify as the reward and the warning in this story?