

Ice Breaker

(in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

Tell about a time when someone did a good deed for you in some way and how it made you feel.

Talk About it!

1. Read **1 Peter 3:10** and **Acts 10:38**

- a. Name some of the 'good' that Jesus 'went around doing'. How have you followed Jesus in a similar way?
- b. Is there a kind of 'good' you feel the Spirit of God prompting you to step into? What would the role of 'the anointing' be in this?

2. Read **Matthew 25:31-33**

- a. What is something you are looking forward to about the second coming of Christ? How do you feel about the 'separation' that will occur then?

3. Read **Matthew 25:34-40** and **Proverbs 3:27-28**

- a. Why would it be that those who are 'the sheep' seem to be unaware of what they did? Why is the King so glad for the way the sheep chose to live?

4. Read **Matthew 25:41-46**

- a. Who is 'hell' actually for? How does this word from Jesus affect you or motivate you? What step could you take in response?

5. Read **Galatians 6:9-10**, **Hebrews 13:16**, and **Titus 3:8**

- a. Share about a person you know who seems to live out the principle of 'doing all the good you can'.

6. What is one takeaway or step you can take based on what we've talked about? Is there anything the group can do to support you in that?

Scripture Reference Questions 1-3a

QUESTION 1

1 Peter 3:10 NLT

For the Scriptures say, "If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies.

Acts 10:38

And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

QUESTION 2

Matthew 25:31-33 NLT

"But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

QUESTION 3

Matthew 25:34-40

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

Scripture Reference Questions 3b-5

Proverbs 3:27-28

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them. If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, "Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you."

QUESTION 4

Matthew 25:41-46 NLT

"Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink. I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.' "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?' "And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.' "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."

QUESTION 5

Galatians 6:9-10 NLT

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

Hebrews 13:16 NLT

And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.

Titus 3:8 NLT

This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.