

STUDY GUIDE

Matthew 25

When you pass a panhandler on the street how do you respond?



Read Matthew 25:31-46 in a variety of versions
(try to have one of those versions be *The Message*)

What is the setting for this passage?
Is it a parable or a prophecy?

List the six actions Jesus will use as a basis for judgment – what kinds of acts are they?

What are the reasons for helping “the least” - the over-looked and ignored?

How are those who do not do and those who do the acts similar?
Different?

Is the judgment idea consistent with your view of Jesus? Why or why not?

When have you received or shown mercy in any of these 6 ways?
What was that like for you?

Who else might qualify as “the least of these” in today's society?

Why is this sort of service so difficult?

How can your group offer one another support in this area ?



Pray together.

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