

# THE KINGDOM



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## Sermon Discussion Guide

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

*Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.*

**Key Point: God calls us to live His Kingdom priorities: justice, mercy, humility.**

**Life Sharing: (answer one)**

1. What is the best way for you to learn a new concept or idea?
2. When is the last time you had an "Ah-Ha moment", when something new made sense to you and changed how you live your normal everyday life? What was it?

**Transition / Open in prayer:**

3. When you are driving and see someone in need on the corner, what do you do?

**Life Examination:**

*READ Matthew 25:31-46*

4. Why is Jesus sitting on a throne in this parable? What does it symbolize?
5. What was the deciding factor that separated the two groups?
6. The righteous sheep were surprised by Jesus' words. What does that tell you about the posture of their hearts?

*READ Micah 6:1-8*

7. How is the culture we live in today like the Israelite culture Micah was speaking to?
8. What did Balak counsel and Balaam answer? (Numbers 22-24)
9. In verses 6-7, what does Micah (for the people of Israel) offer to God to seek their innocence? Why is it not enough?
10. According to this passage what does it mean to... a. do justice? b. love mercy? c. walk humbly?

**Life Application:**

11. Describe something you have done in your life that would put you on the side of the sheep, from the Matthew 25 parable.
12. When is a time someone showed up for you to help in a time of need?
13. What are some ways to do justice, show mercy, and walk humbly in your family? At your job/school? With your friends? At Hillcrest?
14. Who is an example to you of someone living these ways?

**Life Prayers:** Pray for one another and ask God to use Hillcrest to bring justice, mercy, and humility in our neighborhoods.