



# TOGETHER CHURCH

**GUARDRAILS  
THAT HELP US  
STAY THE COURSE AS A  
DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH**

**Week 7: April 18-24**

**Welcome/ Introduce Guests/ Share Life (10 minutes)**  
**Recall the Guidelines/ Open in Prayer**

**Vision Casting (2 minutes):** Disciple making is the process that disciple-makers engage in when they invest into the lives of those God calls them to disciple.

**Hook Question (5 minutes):** When have you had a hard time differentiating between two or more things?

**Ask someone to read the background for the story (2 minutes):**

The day Jesus returns to take those who love and follow Him to be with Himself in Heaven will be the most glorious day. On that day He will return in His glory with all the angels. What an incredible sight that will be for those who love Him! But for those who reject Jesus, it will be terrifying because He will come to judge the world.

The apostle John tells us in Revelation 20 what the day of judgement will be like. After Satan is defeated for eternity, Jesus will sit on a great white throne with books that will tell all the deeds of everyone who has lived on earth. These books are books of judgement. The one book that gives hope is called "The Book of Life." In this book are the names of those who have been redeemed from sin by the blood of the Lamb. They will be allowed into Jesus' kingdom of glory and their deeds will reflect a life changed by God. These people will experience the presence of God for all of eternity. Those whose names are not in "The Book of Life" will be cast into the lake of fire. This is called the second death because those who are there will be forever separated from the love of God and will never experience His presence. Their deeds reflect a life lived in rebellion towards God.

It will not be obvious for humans to know who is and is not going to spend eternity with Jesus. Knowing this, Jesus used a parable to teach us what that final judgement will be like. This is where our story begins...

**Tell the story from Matthew 25: 31-46: (12 Minutes per section):** Change the storyteller often.

**Rebuild the Story:** Group members retell the story as well as possible.

**Read the story from:** Ask the group to read these verses.

**Discussion Questions Matthew 25:31-46:** Learn to talk about God's word with others. **(Take as much time as needed.)**

- What do you like or dislike about this story?
- What does this story teach you about yourself or people?
- What does this story teach you about God?
- How do you make sure you are a sheep and not a goat?
- What is God speaking to you about? How do you need to apply this story to your life?

***Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in Prayer.***