



Getting to Know You...

Share one personal positive story from this past week.



Opening Prayer:

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God... Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. Amen. (from Psalm 90)

Digging In: Please take a moment to read all of Psalm 90.

- We know that Moses wrote this Psalm. Can you think of any events during the life of Moses that seem to correspond well with the wording of this Psalm?
- Why do you think this Psalm is one of the assigned readings for Last Judgment Sunday?

- What are key ingredients to a contented life according to the second half of this Psalm?

Digging In: Please take a moment to review Matthew 25:31-46

- Why is it significant that the believers are separated from the unbelievers before the King draws attention to their good works (or lack thereof)?
- Good works are not the root of faith but the fruit of faith.
Explain.
- Compare and contrast the response of the righteous and the wicked. Is there anything surprising in the way they respond?
- ***Agree or Disagree:*** Caring for the needs of fellow believers should be a higher priority than caring for the needs of unbelievers.

Application:

- The sermon listed off a variety of times when the word, “Come” is used as a gracious invitation in the Bible. Look up the following passages and choose the invitation that is the most encouraging to you. Explain to the group why you choose it.

Mt. 4:19	Jn 11:43	Mt. 11:28	Jn. 4:29	Mt. 25:34
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- What are practical ways for us to feed the hungry, show hospitality to strangers, visit the sick and imprisoned, etc. during this period of time?

Closing Prayer Suggestion: Return to your list of positive stories from the opening question. Everyone in the group is invited to say a short prayer of thanksgiving based on their positive story. *And/Or* pray for a friend in need.