



Paradox 101

Discussion Group Questions after Paradox Church November 25, 2023
"The Tradition of Paradox"

The Theology

Matthew 25 tells a parable about God separating the sheep from the goats.

1. As Kim and Craig were talking about this parable and teaching, what did you experience? How did the ideas land with you personally?
2. What's surprising about this passage is that the people who are considered righteous are the ones who are not trying to be righteous. How does this surprise shape the way you think about spirituality and religion? What is this parable asking you to prioritize in your own life?
3. One of the major talking points of this joint sermon was the idea that this passage can be used in helpful ways and also in unhelpful ways. Often, the dividing line between the two is wisdom. Did hearing this conversation help you to appreciate the Bible more? Or did hearing this conversation make you want to hold the Bible at a distance? Why did you answer in this way?
4. This parable should always inspire Christians to ask, "Why do I go to church?" What would you say if someone asked you that question? If you don't consider yourself a churchgoer, what's the best answer a churchgoer could give you?

Application:

5. What can you do in the coming week to become a more loving person because of the church service that happened on Saturday?