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## **Good News! Jesus is coming soon! And in this we have great joy!**

OT: Malachi 3:16-18 – the separation of righteous and wicked

- How are the righteous described?
- How are the wicked described?
- In Malachi 4:1-6, what is the Day of the Lord?

NT: 1 Thessalonians 4:17 – the separation of the righteous and wicked

- Verse 17 – so we will \_\_\_\_\_ be with the Lord! Where?
- In 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, where is the Day of the Lord?

Matthew 25:1-13 - the separation and the Wedding Banquet

Whom does Jesus (the Groom) allow into the wedding banquet?

- Those who are ready and that the Lord \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Table Group Discussion**

1) From Matthew 25:10-12, how do you know if the Lord “knows” you?

2) Read aloud Jesus’ response in Matthew 25:31-40

- What is this group called?
- What did they do?

3) In Matthew 25:41-46, according to Jesus did the wicked/cursed group do the acts of service to the least of these?

- What happens to the wicked/cursed group? Do they receive eternal life or eternal punishment?

4) Based on your study from Matthew 25:31-46 (sheep and goats), what changes is the Lord prompting you to make?

### **Actions Steps**

- As you study Malachi and these passages, does this turn your heart toward those who are perishing? Who does the Lord bring to mind to pray for? Make a list below.
- Who does the Lord bring to mind to share with how Jesus has changed your life? Make a list below and pray for God to make a way to speak to those people.