

Theme: Christ The King ... Accountability

Scripture 1:

The Son of Man will come again in his great glory. All the people of the world will be gathered before him. Then he will separate them into two groups as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. The Son of Man will put the sheep, the good people, on his right and the goats, the bad people, on his left.

Then the King will say to the good people on his right, 'Come. My Father has given you his blessing. Come and receive the kingdom God has prepared for you since the world was made. I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was alone and away from home, and you invited me into your house. I was without clothes, and you gave me something to wear. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' Then the good people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food? When did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you alone and away from home and invite you into our house? When did we see you without clothes and give you something to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you?' Then the King will answer, 'I tell you the truth. Anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for me.'

Then the King will say to those on his left, 'Go away from me. God has said that you will be punished. For I was hungry, and you gave me nothing to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me nothing to drink. I was alone and away from home, and you did not invite me into your house. I was without clothes, and you gave me nothing to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then those people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty? When did we see you alone and away from home? Or when did we see you without clothes or sick or in prison? When did we see these things and not help you?' Then the King will answer, 'I tell you the truth. Anything you refused to do for any of my people here, you refused to do for me.'

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Scripture 2:

This is what the Lord God says: I, myself, will search for my sheep. I will take care of them. A shepherd will take care of his scattered flock when it is found. In the same way I will take care of my sheep. I will save them from all the places where they are scattered. I will do this on a cloudy and dark day.

I will feed my flock and lead them to rest, says the Lord God. I will search for the lost. I will bring back those that were scattered. I will put bandages on those that were hurt. I will make the weak strong. I will destroy those sheep that are fat and strong. I will tend the sheep with fairness.

Reflections on Scripture:

Who are we accountable to in life?

What are we accountable for?

Is accountability any different from judging someone?

Is it right to hold people accountable for their actions?

Is it a good thing for us to be held accountable for our actions & thoughts?

How would we fair now were we to be judged by God?

What would He be happy with you?

Some people say we are our own harshest critics / judges. Why might this be the case for some people?

How does this theme tie in with an all-forgiving and loving God?

What could we do to fulfil any of the 6 criteria that Jesus sets out for us in Scripture 1?

How difficult can it be to see Christ in others? Or even in ourselves?



Reflective Music

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Prayer:

God, Father of the poor, your Son Jesus was born among us poor, humble and dependent.

Open our eyes and our hearts and our hands to honour him now as our Lord and King by welcoming him in those who are hungry and thirsty, in all who are abandoned and lonely, in refugees, in the poor and the sick.

Let our love become free and spontaneous, like the tenderness you have shown us in your Son.

Welcome us in the everlasting Kingdom prepared for us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Pope Francis:

'At the end of our life we will be judged on love, that is, on our concrete commitment to love and serve Jesus in the least of our brothers and the needy.'

Saint of the Week: Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro



How did Miguel live a life that would ensure that he would be *'a sheep on the right'* come Judgement Day?

How could we follow the example that he sets us?

How did he live the message of 'Christ The King'?

How could we make Christ the king of our lives?

The World Today:



Why are reluctant sometimes to 'welcome the stranger'?

What could we do as a school community to 'welcome the stranger'?

Is Christ a stranger in your life? How could you welcome Him in?