

Outward

We are highlighting three essential targets as we launch into the fall season. It is easy to see that we need to begin with God (Upward). It's also understandable that what happens on the inside, in our souls, will be a major factor in our spiritual lives (Inward). But today we reach the purpose behind all of it.

“Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me
a willing spirit to sustain me.” Psalm 51:12

“Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
so that sinners will turn back to you.” verse 13

Theme: Inward renewal leads to outward ministry!

Matthew 25:31-40

Recognizing Jesus

◆ Look back (vv. 31-33)

“And this Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14

Jesus is on his throne.

Only two groups . . .

◆ Look forward (vv. 34)

This is what all creation has been waiting for.

“For he chose us in him before the creation of the world . . .”
Ephesians 1:4-5

“After what he has done for me, there isn't anything I wouldn't do for him!”

◆ Look around (vv. 35-36)

“faith in action”

“And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.”
Isaiah 58:10

◆ Look surprised (vv. 37-39)

Not calculated, not for recognition, but flowed naturally, pure motives

I think it revealed genuine passion.

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Outward Continued

◆ Look closely (v.40)

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

“Let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”
Galatians 6:10

◆ Look Outward

Let your light shine . . .”

Matthew 5:14,16

Upward = Father Inward = Spirit Outward = Jesus

Reflective Questions

1. Are you good at remembering names or recognizing faces? How so?
2. What stands out to you in Jesus’ story found in Matthew 25:31-40? What do you think was Jesus’ motivation in telling this story?
3. Why is outward such a crucial topic in our three-part series? What did you learn about outward from this teaching?



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ 10AM

We are now having in-person Sunday School. We will continue to show Harvest Kids Sunday School videos on YouTube. Search for "Harvest Kids" or type in this link: newharvestch.org/harvestkids. Contact Karen to be added to our Harvest Kids group on Facebook for more children's ministry resources.

SMART & READY

THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 8AM IN THE AUDITORIUM

Topic: “Wait A Minute” — Here is a topic that just about everybody in the United States can agree on at one time, we don't like waiting. It almost seems that it is un-American to “wait.” The other thing we can just about all agree on is that much of the time we can't do anything but wait. Come as we explore together if there is something good in waiting.

CERTIFIED FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 8:00 AM—3:00 PM

At New Harvest Church—the class is free. Contact Karen Offield at (karen@newharvestch.org) to sign up. You will receive an official certificate after you have completed the training.

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Guests
& Visitors

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