I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,

maker of heaven and earth,

AND IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON, OUR LORD:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,

the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen

Part 5: He Will Come Again

Romans 14·10-12

10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. 11 It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'" 12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Matthew 25:31-46

- 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
- 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'
- 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'
- 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
- 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'
- 44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'
- 45 "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'
- 46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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Message notes: Jesus is seated on the throne because His mission has been Your actions, your choices, your words, they _____ to the Father. They all carry weight. The main influence in your life needs to come from the If you have a relationship with a Good Father, your moment of judgment becomes a moment where the Father puts His around you in an embrace of grace. If I'm living for Jesus, His return is not something that I dread, it is something that I ______ to because we are in relationship. Jesus's return and judgment is a _____ thing. What matters most is whether or not I'm going to have a _____ with Jesus Christ. Out of _____ and relationship with Jesus, chose to go serve others. Additional notes:

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Discussion Questions:

- 1. The message mentions how checking social media or the news first thing in the morning can set our course for the day instead of being influenced by God's Word. Thinking about your past week, what has influenced your emotions and actions the most?
- 2. Pastor Jasen explained that Jesus is seated because His mission is accomplished, but we are standing because we still have work to do. What specific mission or purpose do you believe God has given you that you're still 'standing' to accomplish?
- 3. The message highlighted that Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead, showing the importance of our actions and choices as they will be accounted for before God. Why is the concept of a final judgment essential to our faith?
- 4. The message emphasizes that the final judgment isn't meant to be dreaded by believers but can be anticipated with joy. How does viewing judgment day as a celebration rather than a dreaded event change how you approach your daily Christian walk?
- 5. In Matthew 25, Jesus separates people like sheep and goats based on how they treated others. How does this passage change your understanding of what it means to care for those around you?

Ministry Time:

The message contrasts the fear of judgment with the importance of cultivating a loving relationship with God. Pray for anyone who feels their motivations in their faith need to be changed from fear into love.

The message reminded us that our choices and actions have eternal implications. Pray for anyone who needs to seek forgiveness from God, or others, for their actions in the past.