

E-Series

Sheep (Continued)



31 "When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. **32** Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, **33** putting sheep to his right and goats to his left. **34** "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation. **35** And here's why: I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, **36** I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me.' **37** "Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? **38** And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' **39 40** Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me - you did it to me.' **—Matthew 25:31-40 (The Message)**

Just this week one of our members, Anne Barnes, shared with me a story about something God was doing in her life and in the lives of others both at Wightman and in the community. A few weeks ago, she was at Cannon's BBQ in Little Mountain when a young man came in to get food. She later learned from the owners of Cannon's that he wanted to buy French fries because he didn't have enough money for barbecue.

Moved by that story, and the fact that she once taught the young man's mother in school, Anne and her friends went to work investigating the needs of this family. They uncovered that, until recently, this family had been living in a tent, living on the barest of necessities. Although they no longer live in a tent, their house is very modest, the young man was riding a grossly undersized bike everywhere he went, and they were in need of food.

In two weeks, Anne and many of her friends here at Wightman and in the community (I will not name names for fear of leaving someone out), have done a wonderful work for this family. Our members have taken them groceries, given the young man a new bicycle, collected lots of clothes, a vacuum cleaner, a microwave, Christmas decorations, and are preparing to take them a Thanksgiving meal tomorrow.

Some of you reading this are involved in this outpouring of God's love. To all of you and to Anne, I think Jesus would be pleased to say, "Well done good and faithful sheep!"

I hope you all have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday with your friends and family!!!



Baaaa,
Pastor Michael