

## **Blood Cries Out**

**Genesis 4:9-10, Matthew 25:31-46**

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### **WARM-UP QUESTIONS:**

1. Have you ever participated in a protest? What led you to do so?
2. If you are comfortable, share with your group any past experience of ethnic bias, prejudice or discrimination that you have faced. How did it impact you?

### **REFLECTION QUESTIONS:**

1. Read the whole incident in Genesis 4 regarding brothers - Cain and Abel. What led to Cain's actions? What warning did God present to him before his response? What is most revealing about his words and actions?
2. Jesus gave many stories to make a point. When you read Matthew 25, what do you think is Jesus' primary intention?
3. Pastor Jason suggests that the "goats" in the Matthew passage would have helped Jesus had they recognized him. What keeps us from seeing Jesus in our present moment, among the people around us? What can be done to "open our eyes?"

### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. The Genesis account speaks of blood crying out as a protest of injustice directed toward others made in the image of God. How have the recent protest events affected you and those around you? How might God be prompting you to respond?
2. We all approach helping others differently. What are ways that God may be calling you to help those in need?