

**First Reading:** Matthew 25:31~46  
**Preaching Passage:** 1 Peter 4:1~11  
**Sermon title:** Two life goals.

**Intro.**

We see two contrasting life goals from today's passage, and it is extremely important for us to race our journey with the right life goal. Because one goal is a vain and empty goal that will ultimately lead us to eternal death, whereas the other life goal will lead us to life and glory.

**1. The most common life goal for many who are lost in sin.**

- a. Through versus 2~3, we see the most common life goal for many people. It is living according to "human passion", and it is characterised by pursuing worldly pleasures.
- b. The bible yet talks about the ultimate end of such a life goal. Romans 8:6~7

**2. In contrast to this, we see another life goal, and according to verse 11, it is a life to bring glory to God.**

- a. The practical aspects of living a life to glorify God
  - i. V7 Being sober-minded for the sake of prayers
  - ii. VV 8~11 Loving and serving others earnestly.

**3. The firm ground to live this life.**

- a. V1. Christ's suffering and his loving grace revealed through the cross.

**4. The "urgency" of this call.**

- a. V7. "The end of all things is at hand"
- b. Understanding of this verse also motivates us for the good work of the Lord.