Reflection on the Greatest
Commandments and the
Judgment of the Nations

The first of the Greatest Commandments is

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37),

and the second of the Greatest Commandments is

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (22:39).

How would your relationship with God need to change if you really loved God in this way?

Would it change your prayer life? If so, how?

If we tried to really love this way, how would things change at school?

How would it change the interactions with others at home?

How would it affect our larger community, even our world?

Is it possible? Why or why not?

Who are some people today in our schools and in our local, national, and world communities who do live this way? Explain. Do they affect others? If so, how?

Explain how the Greatest Commandments encompass Jesus’ teachings.

In the Judgment of the Nations, Jesus taught that in order to get into the Kingdom of Heaven we must love those who are poor. Why and how is loving the poor part of God’s Kingdom?

Explain the meaning behind the Last Judgment parable about the shepherd’s separating his sheep from his goats.

(The Scripture quotations on this handout are from the New American Bible, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, D.C. All Rights Reserved. No part of this work may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, or by any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in writing from the copyright owners.)