

COMISSIONAL LIVING

Making Much of Jesus *As You Go*

Practice 5: SERVE

Matthew 25:31-46 (ESV)

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’

³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?’ ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?’ ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’

⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

4 obvious lessons from Matthew 25:

1. Not everybody _____
2. Those who DO go to heaven have lives marked by _____
(especially to the hurting and the needy)
3. Jesus says that serving the _____ is serving _____
4. Those who do NOT go to heaven have lives marked by _____

The fifth step to living a “comissional life” is to _____.

Big Question:

Where are things _____ as they ought to be – and what can I do about it?

How can I serve* in a way that is ...

not _____ primarily,
not _____ or _____ beneficial,
but is genuinely _____ ?

1. Determine if _____, _____, or _____ is needed.*

2. If _____ is required ...

3 guidelines:
immediate temporary seldom

3. If _____ is required ...

Avoid _____ !

4. If _____ is required ...

The aim: _____ !

*For more information on how to help the hurting in practical, beneficial ways, see:
When Helping Hurts by Corbett and Fikkert

5. Find my _____.

To serve _____ God brings into my life

With _____ needs doing

_____ *it is needed*

_____ *it leads me*

For God's glory and their everlasting good.