

Building Community: From Little Hearts to Loving Hands

Hands in Service: Loving Our City: Matthew 25:34-40; James 2:14-17



- **Matthew 25:34-40**
 - Christ is our righteousness
 - We are called to serve the least of these
 - As we serve others, we serve Christ.
- **James 2:14-17**
 - Salvation comes through *faith* in Christ
 - *Active* (Living) Faith: Saved and service.
 - *Dormant* (Dead) Faith: Saved. No service.
- Other verses to consider: Galatians 5:13-14 and 1 John 3:17-18

Reflective Questions

Have you had an experience where you were called to help someone? How did it make you feel?

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Who in your life, might be the “least of these “that Jesus speaks of?

Do you see Christ in the people you interact with?

Do you see Christ in those who are in need?

Can you think of a moment when serving someone felt like serving Christ?

Spiritual Journey with Christ (*The 3E Pathway*).

1. Believe in the Lord and be saved. (*Encourage*)
2. Be on a path of growing in faith. (*Equip*)
3. Do good in the name of the Lord (*Engage*)

Reference was made to *Esther 4:14-17*: Much like Esther, who was positioned 'for such a time as this,' we are also strategically placed in our lives to do good in the name of the Lord.

Final Question:

How can we serve the least of these, living out an active faith for such a time as this?

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