



ALL IN - PART 4 - The Face of Jesus

THE FACE OF JESUS / Matthew 25:31-40

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Icebreaker: As a group make a "generic" list of as many ways as you can think of to serve others. IE: Give, pray etc. Now make a second list of "specific" ways of serving others. IE: Invite someone to Thanksgiving dinner...

Encouragement: Share with each other of a time when your service to others blessed you as much as the one's you were serving. Talk about what your part was and what God's part was.

Scripture: This past Sunday Pastor Miles read from Matthew 25:31-40. What was Jesus describing the importance of ministering to the least of these?

Who would be considered the least of these in your community?

What have you done to help the least of these in the past? Have you seen service in action done for the least of these?

Prayer: Write down on a piece of paper four things you would like prayer for. One for yourself, one for a family member, one for your next door neighbor, and one for someone who is beyond your ability to impact. Trade your list with someone else's with the promise to pray over both lists daily for one week.

The church prayed for the Holy Spirit to "reveal the face of Jesus in the faces of our city's poor". Ask the Holy Spirit who among them to bless this week and how to do so.

Next Steps: Reach the community by serving in the annual TOYS for JOY event as a group. Please visit <http://toys-for-joy.org> to get involved.

Memory Verse: 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40

Statistics: One-third of San Diego County's working-age households don't earn enough money to make ends meet. Over a million people in San Diego are living in economic insecurity, and are worried about their next meal. The poverty rate in El Cajon increased nine percent to 25.8 percent between 2000 and 2014, Escondido increased 6.4 percent to nearly 20 percent, Carlsbad more than 10 percent of the population falls below the poverty line. 269,068 households in the county have incomes too low to cover basic expenses