

Life Group Discussion Guide

SOMEWHERE
Matthew 25:31-40
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INTRODUCTION

Many people want a spiritual presence in their lives, but don't want to be a part of a church. While we understand many of the causes of this disconnect, we believe it is important to consider the value of partnerships made within the Christian community.

Service is a good starting point. Recently, churches led the way in providing supplies and manpower to aid hurricane victims. For decades churches have served locally, establishing and supporting organizations like Helping Hand of Hope, Warm Blessings, and Habitat for Humanity.

Christians are called to serve. We serve best when we serve together.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. How has someone served you in the past (meals, clothes, money, listening ear, encouragement, etc.)?
2. Do you think there are benefits for us when we serve other people? Explain.

EVALUATE IT

1. Read Matthew 25:31-40. Stuart said, "Our example from [those on his right] is to serve naturally. They had just been doing things that came from a spirit of generosity." How do we develop that spirit within us so we too can become natural servers?
2. Read James 2:15-16. Why do Christians "spiritualize" their way out of serving or avoid serving altogether? How are they different from those Jesus describes in Matthew 25:31-40?
3. Look back on Jesus' words in Matthew 25:31-40. What do you notice about the examples of service He gives? Does service need to be big and grandiose? Why or why not?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Where do you think God has best equipped you to serve? Why?
2. What are some "Matthew 25" ways you can serve those around you?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"The best way to find out whether or not you really have a servant's heart is to see what your reaction is when somebody treats you like one."

-Elisabeth Elliot



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