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EMBRACE OUR COMMUNITY BY SERVING ITS NEEDS

- I. Jesus said that the blessing of God's kingdom is for those who serve <u>Him.</u>

 Matthew 25:34-36
- II. Jesus said that serving the <u>least</u> is equivalent to serving <u>Him</u>.

 Matthew 25:37-40
 - a. The least of these" are: the <u>poor</u>, the young, the unborn, the outcast, the ones on the fringe, the overlooked and unnoticed, the widow, the single mom, the sick, the <u>imprisoned</u>, the addicted.
 - **b.** Jesus came to <u>serve</u> the least.

 Luke 4:16-21
 - **c.** Jesus <u>was</u> one of the least. 2 Cor. 8:9: Luke 9:57-58
- III. Jesus equates our <u>failure</u> to serve the least with failure to serve <u>Him.</u>

 Matthew 25:41-46
 - a. God <u>loves</u> the least. Ps. 10:14; 140:12; Isaiah 25:4

- b. God equates how we treat the least with how we treat Him. Proverbs 14:31; 19:17
- c. God <u>Blesses</u> those who care for the least Proverbs 22:9; Luke 14:12-14.
- d. God <u>Curses</u> those who refuse to care for the poor. Ezekiel 16:49

Application:

- 1. Plug into what we are already doing.
- 2. Prayerfully start something else.