



1. How We Do Social Action

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read Matthew 25.31-46

40 *'The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

- Do you think the church in general talks enough about social action and serving the poor? If not, why do you think this is?
- In reading passages like this, is there a danger that we end up doing 'acts of charity' out of a sense of duty, rather than out of genuine love? Is that a problem?
- v40. *'you did for me'*. What sets apart Christian social action from regular charity? Do you think seeing Jesus in the poor and the needy is a good motivation? Can you identify with Mother Theresa's mantra: "with Jesus, for Jesus, to Jesus"?
- How We Do It. Which aspects of Metro's approach to Social Action appeal to you most – Partnership Works, Everyone Plays, Easy Wins or Invite Others?
- Are you planning to do "Give It Up" and if yes, what are you going to give up? Who can you invite to join you?

Big Idea: 'We reveal our true nature as followers of Jesus, belonging to him, as we love and serve the poor and the needy. We do it with Jesus, for Jesus and to Jesus.'

Pray together and out loud using the words of Sunday's liturgy. Then break up into twos and threes and pray informally for one another.

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd. We want to hear your voice and follow you. We want to feel your heart for those in poverty and need, for those experiencing pain, loss and brokenness.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, give us more of your compassion and help us as we serve our city. Help us to do it with you, for you and to you. In Jesus name. Amen

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