



Theme: Serving others is serving Jesus.

Main Scripture: Matthew 25:35–40

Lesson: "When We Serve, We See Him"

In Matthew 25:35–40, Jesus says something powerful—when we feed the hungry, welcome strangers, and care for the sick, **we're doing it for Him**. He doesn't just care about how we treat others—He **identifies** with them.

This passage reminds us that acts of kindness aren't small—they're sacred. When we serve others, we're actually serving Jesus. Tonight, we'll explore what it means to see Christ in the people around us—and how love in action is a true mark of faith.

Main Points

Read Matthew 25:35-40 Out Loud: *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

Question: "Who is someone who made you feel seen or cared for in a time of need?" Connect this to the heart of the passage—that small acts can have eternal impact.

Jesus Identifies with the Needy

- Jesus makes a profound statement: *"I was hungry... I was thirsty..."*
- He **identifies Himself** with the people society often ignores.
- This flips the script—serving the vulnerable becomes sacred work.

Reflection Question: Why do you think Jesus chooses to identify with the hungry, the sick, the prisoner, and the stranger?

Practical Faith in Action

- Christianity is not just about belief—it's about **true love**.
- These actions listed by Jesus are simple and every day: food, clothing, visiting, welcoming.

- You don't need to be rich or famous to serve—you just need compassion and obedience.

Discussion: In what ways can we practice this kind of service in our homes, churches, and communities?

The Surprise of the Righteous

- The righteous are surprised—*“When did we do this for You?”*
- True servants often don't realize the full impact of their kindness.
- God sees it all. Nothing done in love is wasted.

Remember: Sometimes your smallest yes to God is your loudest witness to others.

Wrap Up

As we wrap up today's lesson, let's remember this truth: **Jesus shows up in the places we least expect**—in the needs of others, in the overlooked, in the hurting. Every meal served, every door opened, every kind word spoken in love is a moment to meet Him.

The world tells us to chase status and success, but the Kingdom of God calls us to **compassion and service**. Don't miss the moment to love like Jesus. Don't miss the moment to see Him—in the eyes of the “least of these.”

Let's be ready to serve, not out of obligation, but out of deep love for the One who first served us.

Challenge

Challenge for the Week:

Look for one person you can help this week—big or small. Ask yourself: *“What if this was Jesus?”* Because in a very real way... it is.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, open our eyes to see You in the people around us. Make us sensitive to the needs of others. Let our hands be Your hands, and our love reflect Yours. May we never be too busy to serve, too distracted to care, or too proud to stoop low. In every act of kindness, let us honor You. Amen.

Consider Sowing Seed:

May your seed be planted in good soil and bring forth a bountiful harvest in due season.