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<sup>34</sup> 'Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> 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, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

<sup>37</sup> 'Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?"

<sup>40</sup> '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."

<sup>41</sup> 'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me."

<sup>44</sup> 'They also will answer, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?"

<sup>45</sup> ‘He will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.”

<sup>46</sup> ‘Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.’

**MATTHEW 25**

**#1.**

## **PURSUE THE RIGHT OUTCOME**

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**MATTHEW 25**

**#2.**

## **DO THE RIGHT THING**

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**MATTHEW 25**

<sup>8</sup> And the word of the Lord came again to Zechariah: <sup>9</sup> ‘This is what the Lord Almighty said: “Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. <sup>10</sup> Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor.

**ZECHARIAH 7**

**#3.**

### **START WITH THE RIGHT MOTIVE**

<sup>40</sup> ‘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.”

**MATTHEW 25**

<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**EPHESIANS 2**

<sup>16</sup> This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

**1 JOHN 3**

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Judging by your lifestyle and decisions, would an observer say that helping the poor and needy is optional or non-negotiable? What does it reveal about your theology of salvation?**
- 2. How does your motivation for volunteering and giving reflect your understanding of what God has done for you?**
- 3. What is one practical commitment you can make starting this week, whether volunteering or donating, to put your faith into action?**