

# MATTHEW 25

"Actively Engaged in the World"



#### **Matthew 25 - Principle**



#### What we DO matters to God

As you did it unto the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it unto me... Matthew 25:40

Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them, he/she is like a person who built their house on a rock... Matthew 7:24



### Jesus' Teaching Method for the Kingdom



#### **Parables**



#### Judgment of Nations Systems



- 1. Treatment of the hungry (access to land)
- 2. Treatment of the thirsty (access to clean water)
- 3. Treatment of the stranger (new arrivals)
- 4. Treatment of the naked (vulnerable persons)
- 5. Treatment of the sick (access to health care)
- 6. Treatment of Prisoner (access to justice)



#### A Special Blessing is Pronounced Upon People



Who serve the least of these as we actively engage them, we serve Jesus Christ!



#### Matthew 25 – Origin & Practice



- Building Congregational Vitality
- Dismantling Structural Racism
- Eradicating Systemic Poverty



#### **Congregational Vitality**



Intentionally and Continuously

Develop in Faith

&

**Actively Engage the Community** 



#### Structural Racism/White Privilege



Laws, Policies & Practices that Structure, Reinforce and Perpetuate Discrimination, Bias, Prejudice and Oppression of People of Color



#### **Systemic Poverty**



The Economic Exploitation of People who are Poor through Laws, Policies, Practices & Systems that Perpetuate an Impoverished Status



#### Connecting the 3 Focus Areas



A study guide based around a series of questions

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wpcontent/uploads/M25-21-03-Bringing-Matthew-25-into-Focus-Study-Guide Eng.pdf

Also connect with this guide:

https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wpcontent/uploads/Guide-to-Matthew-25-Resources-1.pdf





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