

# THE LEAST OF THESE

Matthew 25:31-46

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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

## THE UNAVOIDABLE RECKONING

When the King comes, not if  
The most glorious moment in history  
Judgement will come for everyone  
The consequences are for eternity

## REMEMBERING THE THEOLOGY OF GRACE

No one is good enough to deserve reward  
We are saved by grace through faith  
Grace is always transformational  
Discipleship is not optional  
Christlikeness is the result

## A REWARD NO ONE WANTS TO MISS

Blessed by the Father  
An inheritance of eternal value  
A kingdom prepared from the beginning

## A CONSEQUENCE EVERYONE WANTS TO AVOID

Separation from Jesus  
Cursed by God Himself  
Eternal fire of unspeakable pain

## SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Did I nurture the hungry?  
Did I relieve the desperate?  
Did I shelter the lonely?  
Did I affirm the ashamed?  
Did I identify with the confined?

## WHO ARE THE LEAST OF THESE?

Poor in resources  
Poor in relationships  
Poor in emotions  
Poor in spirit

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE PERSON AT A TIME

Investing yourself in a child or teen  
Empowering a mom or dad  
Befriending a lonely or isolated person

## THREE STEPS TO INVESTING IN WHAT MATTERS

Learn principles of "Helping without Hurting"  
Receive training for effective ministry  
Commit to being actively involved in lives