

Pastor Tanner Huss | January 23, 2022
Matthew 25:31-46 | Love Without Measure

Scripture References

Ezekiel 34:1-31
Daniel 7:9-28
Matthew 25:31-46
Luke 4:16-20
Luke 12:12-24
Acts 2:41-47
Galatians 5:13-6:10

Study Questions

1. How does the glory of Jesus propel our care for one another and our outreach to nonbelievers? How does the way we prioritize our time, the use of our talents and resources, and the way we interact with brothers and sisters in Christ reveal something about who or what we value highest in our hearts? How can you personally grow to make Jesus your greatest treasure daily?
2. What are some of the biggest material, social, and spiritual needs present in our community of believers today? What am I actively doing to know and meet the needs of members of my family of faith here at Crossroads? In what ways can we work together to meet needs beyond our community to meet greater needs of believers beyond our community that we could not meet on our own?
3. Can you remember a time when you were in need and God used another believer to meet a very tangible need? What effect did that have on your faith in Jesus? Why do you think this matters to Jesus enough to reward eternally?
4. Are you in close enough relationship with other believers to know their needs and for your needs to be known (see also Acts 2:45)? How can community groups be a context for these kinds of close relationships essential to discipleship? Is it harder for you to share needs or care for needs? How have you seen care within community modeled?
5. How can a caring community become contagious in a way that it attracts outsiders in? What do you see as the biggest relationship between our core values of Caring Community and Strategic Outreach? How can the reality of eternity, heaven and hell, be a strong motivation to share the gospel with greater urgency? Why do you think Jesus did not shy away from talking about hell and yet so many preachers and Christians today do? Jesus was willing to take the wrath of hell to give you the kingdom of heaven, what are you willing to sacrifice or suffer to see someone else enjoy the freedom found in Jesus? What is God calling you to do as a next step to grow in your value of caring community and strategic outreach?

Recommended Reading

Diedrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together* ([1954] HarperOne, 2009)
Jerry Bridges, *True Community* (NavPress, [2012] 2018)
Philip Graham Ryken, *City on a Hill* (Moody, 2003)
J.I. Packer, *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God* (IVP, [1961] 2012)
Will Metzger, *Tell the Truth* (IVP, [1981] 2012)
Timothy Beougher, *Invitation to Evangelism* (Kregel Academic, 2021)