



# ADVENTURE KILLERS

## Ignoring the Least of These

### MAIN THING

The Adventure Never Happens For Those Who Isolate Themselves From People Jesus Specifically Served

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:35-46

### ICEBREAKER

Have you ever worked within a project to help others less fortunate? I.e. mission trip, soup kitchen, habitat for humanity, etc? What was that like?

### OPENING THOUGHT

Many Christians, within a few years of becoming a Christian, cut ties with the rest of the world. Many Christians report having no non-Christian friends. Most have never been inside of prison, never visited a sick person in a hospital, never seen a truly hungry person. In other words, we have structured our lives so that we never come in contact with the very people Jesus said He lived within. By our own admission, our daily routines don't take us to homeless shelters, hospitals, prisons, or among needy people. Jesus has called His church to disrupt our routines, to disrupt our lives, and NOTICE. We are called to notice the least of these, and to structure our lives and priorities around serving them.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Read Matthew 25:35-40. On Sunday, Dave made the parallel that God sees no difference between Himself and the least of these. What did he mean by that? How could Jesus be just like a homeless person or someone in prison? Can this be uncomfortable to read? What should our takeaway be from this?
3. Read verses 40-46. What is the danger in avoiding or ignoring the least of these? Why is this so important to Christ? Does this come naturally to us? Do you think, as a Church (not just Catalyst), we really take this seriously? Do we put the livelihood of these people at the forefront, or do we focus on our own comfort and safety?

### LIFE APPLICATION

Now, more than any time in US history, we have the opportunity to help hurting people. We have homeless shelters, local prisons, the Salvation Army, drug rehab facilities, and countless other places that we can be serving in to help those who need it the most. So, the big question here is, "Are you doing something?" Jesus uses some pretty hefty language when talking about our avoidance of helping those in need. This doesn't seem to be something that we should choose to ignore. How will you step up to help those who need it most?

### CHALLENGE

One of the best ways for community groups to really shine is to get involved in ministry needs. A huge need in our community is in the area of drug rehab. We have a local mission in Revive Ministries that is always looking for help and volunteers. If your group would be interested in finding out how they can help Revive, please contact me at [jkelly@catalystchristian.net](mailto:jkelly@catalystchristian.net), and I'll get you connected. If that's not where you'd like to serve, there are so many other opportunities where your group can get involved. Please step up and be the hands and feet of Christ.