

Vision Sunday: Where Are We Headed? 1/19/25

Opening Question(s):

1. Have you ever made a false assumption about someone else? Please explain!
2. Have you ever been overlooked for a position or opportunity? Please share!

Simple Sermon Summary:

Jesus teaches that serving the most vulnerable is an act of serving Him, calling us to care for those in need as a reflection of our faith. This mission aligns with the early church's example in Acts, where believers cared for one another, ensuring no one was overlooked. Cross Road's mission to reach, teach, live, and love like Jesus begins with caring for the "least of these" among while also

Message Scripture:

Matthew 25v31-40
Acts 2v44-47
Acts 4v33b-35
John 13v34-35
Acts 6v1-5
Ecclesiastes 4v12
Galatians 6v9-10
Isaiah 1v16-17 // James 1v27
Matthew 28v18-20

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out from Sunday's message?
2. Why should the local church be the best source of care in existence?
3. Of all the distinctives that Jesus could have pointed to that make Christianity unique, why do you think he chose love? (John 13v34-35)
4. If the office of "Deacon" began with the goal of serving the "least of these", why do you think the role sometimes morphs into something else? (Acts 6v1-5)
5. What are your thoughts on realigning the role of Deacon at Cross Road with the original intent of scripture?
 - a. How will this look different than what we have been doing?
6. Of the 5 categories talked about on Sunday, Widows, Elderly, Orphans, Single Parents, Special Needs, which would you be the most likely to engage with? Why?
7. What's the danger in NOT caring well for the "least of these" within our church?
8. What would be the danger of caring for those inside the church to the exclusion of those outside the church?
9. What part does caring for the "least of these" have in the Great Commission? (Matthew 28v18-20)
10. When you consider Sunday's message in terms of where Cross Road is going,
 - a. Does it excite you, stress you, or leave you unmoved? Why?
 - b. Can you envision yourself playing a part in advancing the Kingdom of God by caring for the vulnerable AND reaching out to those around us?
 - i. If so, where? If not, why?