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PARTNERING THE POOR

Matthew 25:31-46

Questions:

1. Christmas is about giving a gift to celebrate the Birth of our Lord. One of the most common encounter recorded in the gospels is Jesus engaging the broken and poor in the society. For this coming Christmas, what can you or your family or small group do as a gift to celebrate the Lord's birthday?

2. What are some of your thoughts or emotions in regards to the suggestion above?

3. Come before the Lord and consider Matt 25:31-46. Read verse 40 and 45 again and listen to the Lord speaking to you. Why do you think God placed such strong emphasis on serving the poor as worship to Him? Also read Isa 58:6-11 and Prov 3:27-28. Pray with each other and respond to God.

4. God doesn't want us to be kind to the poor as a "project" but a lifestyle. As we transit into 2018, do consider the following:
 - a. Learn about what God says about Poverty from Genesis to Revelation. Go Google.

 - b. Ask God to shape your heart to be like His. Compassion must go beyond projects. It is a characteristic to cultivate in our hearts.

 - c. Ask what are some new actions/behaviour to take on as a response to reflect God's compassion.