



## Alleluia! Adult Ministries

### Sermon-Based Study for Connect Groups

March 30th/31st, 2019

*Sermon Series: Overflow*  
*Title: Serving God, Serving Others*  
*Scripture: Matthew 25: 34-46*

#### **Connecting**

Share a “High” and/or “Low” from the past week with the group.

Or try this icebreaker...

If you had the power to change one problem in the world, what would it be and why?

#### **Opening Prayer**

**Read Today’s Scripture:** Matthew 25: 34-46

#### **Discussion**

1. When have you seen the Lord hungry, thirsty, as a stranger, needing clothes, sick or in prison (confined) and how did you respond?
2. How do you think the people on the right and the people on the left would have responded if they knew the person in need was either God or some other person of great importance? In what ways do you respond differently to those from a different status (celebrity or sports great, famous politician, homeless, panhandler, etc?)
3. In *Stories with Intent*, Snodgrass says that “The kingdom comes with limitless grace in the midst of an evil world, but with it comes limitless demand?” Discuss the implications of this statement. Do you agree/ disagree with his claim and why? How does this statement challenge you and your faith?
4. Character matters. “Who (or Whose) do you say that you are, and do your behaviors, actions, and responses to the needs of those around you reflect this belief about yourself?”
5. Pastor Tammy suggested three (3) ways to live into our Christian identity: Practice Spiritual Disciplines, Live Biblical Hospitality, and Show Mercy. How do you live these out in your daily life? Which do you find most challenging?

#### **Closing Prayer**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.