Missions Conference: 541 Eatery and Exchange

With Special Guest: Sue Carr

Today Sue Carr from 541 Eatery and Exchange is with us to tell us more about their mission, share some highlights and let us know how we can partner with this amazing ministry!

Notes:

Life Group Questions

This week, before you go to your Life Group:

Think about 541 Eatery and Exchange and the ministry we heard about on Sunday. What was your impression of their work? What emotions did you feel hearing about the kinds of things they do? Read Matthew 25:31-46 and become familiar with the passage for your Life Group discussion.

Life Group Discussion Questions:

Read Matthew 25:31-46 together. List the questions and comments that you have about this passage. How does this section make you feel? Are there parts of it that make you feel uncomfortable? Which parts and why?

What does this passage reveal about the values and priorities of God? What does it say about the nature of his kingdom? What do you think it means to 'inherit the kingdom?' Who inherits the kingdom? Why? Each group seems to be surprised by what happens. What is surprising about Jesus' judgment? Does this teaching surprise you? Why or why not?

How do you think this passage relates to the idea of salvation by grace through faith? How does this passage say that Jesus will judge people? Compare with Ephesians 2:8-9, James 1:19-27 and James 2:14-26. How do you work out the tensions between these passages?

How do you think acts of mercy, compassion and justice relate to our faith based on the passages you have just studied? How would you rate the importance of meeting the needs of vulnerable people according to Jesus and other biblical passages on a scale from 1 to 10? On a scale of 1 to 10 how big of a part of your life is this kind of ministry?

What are some steps that you and/or your life group can take to help people who are in need?