

## St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

*EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2023! Leading to Worship Sunday, November 26, 2023*

### Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's You Tube channel. This week's video previews our unexpected "red kettle" opportunities to give – to Jesus! Click here: <https://youtu.be/75qYFngN1Cw>  
Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

### Three Points

- In Matthew 25:31-46, we find a description of judgment, where Jesus has separated the "sheep" from the "goats." He thanks the good sheep for feeding Jesus, giving him drink, welcoming him, clothing him, healing him and visiting him in prison. And he condemns the bad goats for failing to do these things.
- Each group asks in turn, when did they see Jesus hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick or in prison?.
- "[J]ust as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

### Two Questions

- How "easy" would it be (or at least how certain would you be) to help every stranger if you knew it was Jesus? What if you knew Jesus was standing with that person in need, helping you notice them? What if you knew that person had prayed to Jesus for help?
- What are the typical, even accepted "excuses" we hear for not giving to charity or to even a solitary person in need? Do you see any "excuses" raised in Matthew 25?

### Action Step

- Be on the lookout for Jesus! When you know he is there for your blessings and miracles, he must also be there for others' blessings and miracles too. Do for the least of these!

*Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?*

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!