

## HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

### Chapter 6

Living the gospel means reflecting God's compassion by meeting the needs of the afflicted in the world.

Consider ways we may sacrificially give of what we have in order to meet the needs of "the least of these" both in their own context and around the world

#### Biblical Passages for Discussion:

Matthew 25:31-46:

Mark 10:17-31, Luke 16:19-31:

James 2:14-26:

#### **BIBLICAL TRUTH**

The gospel is made evident in the lives of Christ-followers through meeting the needs of the afflicted in the world.



#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

*The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

*"Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'"*

Matthew 25:40 (The Message)

### CONTEXT SUMMARY

Since we have been commanded to make disciples of all nations, and poverty is rampant in the world to which God has called us, then we cannot ignore these realities. Anyone wanting to proclaim the glory of Christ to the ends of the earth must consider both how to declare the gospel verbally while also demonstrating the gospel visibly in a world where so many are hungry. If we are going to serve urgent spiritual need by sharing the gospel of Christ or building up the body of Christ around the world, then we cannot overlook dire physical need in the process. If our lives do not reflect radical compassion for the poor, there is reason to question just how effective we will be in declaring the glory of Christ to the ends of the earth. More pointedly, if our lives do not reflect radical compassion for the poor, reason exists to wonder if Christ is really in us at all.