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### **Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Read Matthew 10:42.* What is the reward that is given? What does generosity in a real and true spirit do to us? How can we make sure our generosity is coming from devotion to Christ or compassion to the poor and not any kind of “reward?”

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*Read James 2:15-17.* Do good works create or increase faith or does faith have as its response, good works? Why does this matter so much?

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### **Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Read Proverbs 14:31.* What does this passage say about the priority of faith and how we treat the poor? Are we responsible as individuals for the way our nation treats the poor? How do you personally justify your political perspective and the treatment of the poor? If some are considered drains on society or an “enemy,” does that change anything? (Read Proverbs 25:21)

Look at the prayer list. Who can you pray for? Who needs a little extra help in an area where you can make a difference?

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