



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Sermon Based Small Group Plan

January 28, 2018

“Caring Church”

Leading: Pastor Dave Rohde

Scripture: John 13:31-35

& Matthew 25:31-46

Open in Prayer

Fellowship Question: What do you do when you are approached by a panhandler?

Study Questions for the Sermon and Text:

1. Think of a person you know who loves well. How does that person “show” their love for others? What qualities do they possess that make them a caring person?
2. Reflect on John 13:31-35. Jesus’ call to love one another is a commandment, not just a suggestion or a good idea. Why is understanding the difference between the two (i.e. commandment and suggestion) important?
3. Reflect on Matthew 25:31-46. Why are Jesus’ words important for us today? Why is it sometimes difficult to care for those who look and sound different than we do?
4. Why is it important to care for both the people we know well and those we don’t?
5. What does caring for “the least of these” look like in our world today? How does it look like for you individually? What does it look like for the church?
6. Take inventory. In your experience, how has WPC done with being a caring church? Do you think we are “known” as a church that loves well (John 13:35)? What are some examples of times and places where we have cared well for one another? When have we allowed people to “slip through the cracks?”

Prayer:

Pray for those affected by the flu or any illness.

Leader notes:

- We extend our sympathy to the Wallis family in the passing of Howard. The church family is invited to a memorial service, Friday, February 2 at 2pm. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Center.
- Winter All Church Book Study is Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Weekly discussion of Rob Bell’s, *What is the Bible? How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything.*