

# GOD'S BUMPER STICKERS

WHAT MIGHT THEY SAY?



## ***EMBRACING GIVENNESS (MATTHEW 25:31-46)***

### **God's Bumper Stickers sermon series**

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**BIG IDEA:** We are given to reflect God's incredible love to others so that they can come to know their own identity in Jesus. But, your identity as a child of God is not complete if you don't fully understand your givenness. Your givenness is there because we might be the only Jesus people ever see.

#### **1. Don't neglect whom God created you to be.**

- a. We forget whom God created us to be when someone criticizes us.
- b. When we criticize others, we forget that God created them the same way.
- c. As the Church, know that our purpose is to be given to others.

#### **2. Don't let fear paralyze you.**

- a. When we compartmentalize ourselves and our worldview, we freeze and potentially miss out on showing someone the only Jesus that they will ever see.

#### **3. It is in your brokenness that you were made to be given.**

- a. With discernment comes clarity about the simplicity of the tasks before us and the God-given ability to faithfully fulfill them.
- b. Food, water, clothing, hospitality, companionship, and the most basic of gifts and abilities available to us to live life together.

**NEXT STEP:** Which of these four principles are you struggling with most? That you were Chosen, Blessed, Broken, or Given? How is God working in you to address these? What community are you truly plugged into to help you make it one step closer to Jesus?