

*When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.*

*Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

*Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"*

*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 25:31-40 (NIV)**

## **We can resolve the \_\_\_\_\_ in our community**

### **1. Why This?**

- a. **God's Word is clear about His heart towards the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. **Deuteronomy 10:18 (NIV)***

*Defending the fatherless and the oppressed, so that mere earthly mortals will never again strike terror. **Psalms 10:18 (NIV)***

*A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. **Psalms 68:5 (NIV)***

*The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. **Psalms 146:9 (NIV)***

*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. **James 1:27 (NIV)***

- b. **We believe that God has \_\_\_\_\_ us to get involved.**

### **2. Why Us?**

- a. **We \_\_\_\_\_ God**

*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. **2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)***

- b. **We are a part of God's \_\_\_\_\_**

*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. **1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)***

### **3. Why Now?**

- a. **Ignoring \_\_\_\_\_ makes things worse**
- b. **Because \_\_\_\_\_**

## **How can I get involved?**

### **1. Start praying**

- a. **Pick up a 30 day devotional**
- b. **Access the "Fostering Hope" reading plan on Youversion.**

### **2. Get Involved Locally**

#### **Foster Care Interest Meeting**

- **November 10th or 17th at the Mount Pleasant campus**
- **Childcare and dinner provided free of charge**
- **RSVP at [www.seacoast.org/events](http://www.seacoast.org/events)**