

4. What obstacles in your daily life make it difficult to follow Jesus' teachings about responding to the needs of your siblings?
5. Are there people in your life or the congregation that might support your efforts to engage with the poor?

Here are some tips to get started following LAUMC's vision of "Touching heaven, changing earth with head, heart, and hands."

HEAD

Consider joining the newly forming JustFaith group that will be led by Pastor Debbie Weatherspoon and Jan McDaniel. See the bulletin for more information or contact Megan Carroll (megancaroll@laumc.org).

HEART

Learn what it's like to live in poverty in Silicon Valley. Register today for the upcoming Poverty Simulation on Sunday, August 28. This is a great experience for families to do with their teens. See the bulletin for more information or ask questions at the tables in the breezeway.

HANDS

Volunteer for a project or two with friends, neighbors, and family during Compassion Week, scheduled this year for October 3–9. Registration begins early September at church or online. Questions about Compassion Week can be sent to Nadine Tadeo (compassionweek@laumc.org).



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**Sunday, August 14, 2016
Matthew 26:6-13**

We offer these questions for reflection during the service or during your week. Ponder them yourself, or discuss them with friends. Many small groups use them for discussion; if you would like to participate in a group, visit www.laumc.org/grouplife.

Prior to Jesus' encounter with the woman with the alabaster jar (Matthew 26:6-13), Jesus shares a story of people being separated like sheep and goats (Matthew 25:31-46) as an illustration of God's desire that we care for those in need.

1. Think back to the first time you heard this scripture. How did you react?
2. Do you relate to the "sheep" or the "goats" in this passage? Why?
3. Which would be hardest for you to respond to:
 - a. Those who are hungry
 - b. Those who are thirsty
 - c. Those who are homeless
 - d. Those who need clothing
 - e. Those who are sick
 - f. Those who are prisoners

