

**“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.” – Matt 25:40**

As the church engages the needs of hurting people we are actually engaging Jesus. We serving Him AND being His ambassadors at the same time. HOW we do that matters. Below are some basic guidelines to lead your congregation to do this well.

Prevention

Foster Care

Adoption

Transition



**2 by 2** If you are going to someone’s home, never go alone. Jesus sent his disciples out 2 by 2 for many reasons. It is wise to be above reproach, and protect the people you are helping.

**More to the Story** We have no idea what events have taken place that led a person to the crisis they are in. Avoid assuming anything. Just meet them where they are.

**Call a Caseworker** The church is involved because a caseworker has engaged us. Don’t hesitate to follow up with a caseworker after you meet a need if you plan on doing more. They can give you tremendous insight and you may give them some insight.

**Be a Light** Encouraging words have power. Look around and find a strength you see in the people you meet. Tell them. Lift their spirits. Be a light in a dark time for them.

**Keep your Cash** When you meet the first need, it’s very possible you see other things to help with. Rather than giving cash, go buy the food, or fridge, or diapers. Engaging in the process of meeting needs is better than giving cash for lots of reasons.