

Reclaiming the *Forgotten* Gospel of Jesus

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THOSE IN NEED NOT TOO FAR FROM HERE

Seeing and reaching out to the “least of these.”

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Narrowing our focus to concentrate on the people in our personal community (family, neighbor, workplace, church, city, and beyond) is vital for effectively sharing our **Acts of Jesus Love**.

In the chart that follows are suggestions for the categories of **Those in Need Not Too Far from Here**. Eight categories are shown, with sub-groups in each category, to help concentrate your thoughts, prayers, and efforts. You know your community best, and, hopefully, you will gather with others in the church to refine the categories to better reflect your individual church and community.

With meditation and prayer, you will be able to discern which two or three categories the Holy Spirit leads you to consider as your personal ministry field. Then you will know where to direct your **Acts of Jesus Love** intentionally — and when random opportunities occur — speaking up on behalf of someone being ridiculed or oppressed unjustly, or volunteering through a ministry or community agency that serves those in need.

Primary Issue | + Sub-Groups

Children at Risk

- + Healthcare insecurity
- + Poor
- + Housing insecurity
- + Food insecurity
- + Access to preschool/
after-school care
- + Foster care
- + Physical/Sexual Abuse

Healthcare Insecurity

- + Children
- + Family
- + Adult

Job Insecurity

- + Working poor
- + Unemployed

Widows or Alone

- + Widows
- + Single mother
- + Senior care

Housing Insecurity

- + Homeless
- + Unaffordable Housing

Strangers

- + Immigrants
- + Racial minority
- + Religious minority

Oppressed

- + Religious minority
- + Gender
- + Same gender marriage
- + Marriage
- + Immigrants
- + Racial minority

Brokenhearted

- + Divorce
- + Grief (Covid)



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