

Who is your neighbor? Who are you a neighbor to?

Luke 10:25-29

“²⁶ He (Jesus) said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?”²⁷ So he (Lawyer) answered and said, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ (Deut. 6:5) and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’” (Lev. 19:18)²⁸ And He (Jesus) said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”²⁹ But he (Lawyer), wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

I. The Setup

They sent the Lawyer to setup Jesus with a question vs 25

Jesus responded to his question with 2 of his own questions vs 26

Deuteronomy 6:5, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart,”

Leviticus 19:18, “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”

Who is my neighbor?

II. Jesus Rebuttal is with a Parable to talk about a neighbor

Luke 10 30 says, “³⁰ And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.³¹ And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.³² And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,”

Jesus answers this question in the Bible with the story of the Good Samaritan.

A neighbor is not just the person who lives next to you.

Jesus used parables as a visual teaching tool to help people understand future spiritual truths before they fully occurred

III. The Showing of compassion

Luke 10:34 -37 (NKJV) says, “³⁴ So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and

whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you. ' 36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves? '37 And he (Lawyer) said, 'He who showed mercy on him. 'Then Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise. '”

The Samaritan moved as God compelled him to move in the face of suffering: He show mercy.

We offer tangible help to those in need.

The Holy Spirit will guide you in the ways and means.

Luke 10:37 (NKJV) *“You go and do likewise.”*

Jesus said, **“You go be the neighbor that you would want someone to be to you”**

Who are you?

The way we think about neighbors is actually our identity, not theirs. What matters first is who we are.

IV. Why did Jesus have so many attachments with Samaritans

- The Woman at the Well (John 4):
- The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37.)
- The Grateful Leper (Luke 17:11–19): and that single person was a Samaritan.
- Go to Samaria Acts 1:8 share the message in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, ends of the earth

Jesus saw no religious boundaries where love could and couldn't walk.

Jesus was setting it up for Gentiles to come into Salvation. It started with the Samaritans.

Jesus has rescue most of us many times.

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