

Sermon: Who is my neighbor?
Series: Luke: The Good News for Everyone.

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37
Date: November 10, 2024

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) V. 25. In what ways does the lawyer's original question reveal that he doesn't really understand God? Think about how the lawyer answered Jesus in verses 26-27. In what way does such a legalistic view of God (I can keep God's law) actually diminish the law of God?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) V. 29. Like every legalist, the lawyer tried to justify himself by shrinking the requirements of the law. Can you think of ways that Christians do this same thing today (self-justify by shrinking God's law)?

b) Both the priest and the Levite SAW the man and failed to stop and help him. What attitude do you think prevented them from stopping? What attitude most prevents you from helping others in need?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) In what ways are we all like the man that was robbed and left for dead? In what ways is Jesus the ultimate Good Samaritan?

b) How does the gospel alone empower us to live like the Good Samaritan (think about this: You can't love like this unless you have been loved like this)?

APPLICATION

a) Rather than asking, "Who is my neighbor?", we need to be asking, "Who am I neighboring?" How would you answer this question?

b) What excuses have you made in the past for not reaching out to someone in need? What can you do this week to overcome those excuses and meet a tangible need?

PRAYER

- Thank God for offering a way to relate to him other than the law - GRACE.
- Confess ways that you have failed to do good to those around you because of your pride or apathy.
- Thank Jesus for his compassion for you and his healing love poured over you like oil and wine.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to see the needs that you can meet.