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Sunday



Parable of the Good Samaritan

Last Sunday, we talked about another one of Jesus' more interesting parables, The Parable of the Good Samaritan, found in Luke 10.

The first thing we noticed is that the term "Good Samaritan" is commonly used by virtually everyone today to mean someone who is compassionate and helpful to those in distress, yet likely few actually know the origin of the term.

We said that the term actually originates from the Bible in a parable that Jesus told in Luke 10. We said that this parable is a good example of how when we just read through it today, we can miss some important details and the impact that it would have had on those who were first hearing it.

youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

This Week's Bible Verse

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.

"Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied.

"How do you read it?"

²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other

Jesus tells this story in response to a question from "an expert in the Law" or a scribe who was trying to "test" Jesus.

We noted that when the scribe asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life, Jesus could have taken this opportunity to teach all about salvation is not by works and all that but He instead chose to teach about our relationships with each other.

Jesus first answers the scribe's question with a question asking him what the Law says. After reciting **Deuteronomy 6:5** and **Leviticus 19:18**, (love God & love your neighbor) Jesus tells him that he is correct. But, the scribe, knowing that he could not possibly love everyone wanted Jesus to define who is his "**neighbor**".

So, Jesus answers him with a story and another question that would again end up with the scribe answering his own question.

Jesus starts the story on a well known and very treacherous road between Jerusalem and Jericho that many Jews often traveled. Jesus didn't say that the man who was beaten and robbed was a Jew but His audience would have likely assumed that he was (making the impact of the story greater) and they would have also understood and identified with the great peril that the man was in.

The next two characters Jesus introduces would have been known to His audience as men of great compassion and experts in knowing the Law. They likely thought that the man would be saved yet when they approached the man, they just walked by.

Then Jesus completely shocks everyone with the next character He introduces, a Samaritan.

We discussed the generations of intense hatred that the Jews and the Samaritans had for each other and the various reasons why they hated each other so much.

The last person that Jesus' audience thought would ever stop to help the poor man would be a Samaritan, especially if they assumed the beaten man was a Jew.

Not only did the Samaritan stop to help the man, he went well above and beyond what was required by putting the man on his animal, bringing him to an inn, spending the night with him, giving the inn keeper 2-days pay for an extended stay to allow time for healing, telling the inn keeper to take care of him, and

side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' ³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

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even offering the inn keeper more money upon his return if needed.

The Samaritan saw his "**neighbor**", who he was supposed to love, as anyone who was in need regardless of who they were.

Not only does the story answer who our "**neighbor**" is, Jesus' choice of these specific characters shows a very strong contrast between those who **Know** the Law and those who actually **Follow** the Law.

We can relate this to today to those who **Know** the Gospel and can repeat memorized Bible verses (Priest & Levite) compared to those who actually **Follow** the Gospel in their everyday lives (Samaritan).

Jesus finishes by asking the scribe which of the three men was a "**neighbor**" to the man who was robbed. The scribe answers, "the one who had mercy on him", to which Jesus replies, "Go and do likewise".

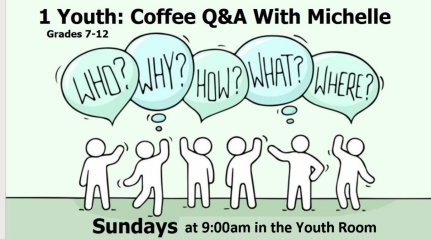
By ending the encounter this way, Jesus is telling us to follow the Samaritan's example in our own conduct. We are to show compassion and love for all those we encounter regardless of their race or religion, no matter who they are.

The only criteria is, if they have a need and we have the supply, then we should give generously without any expectation of return.

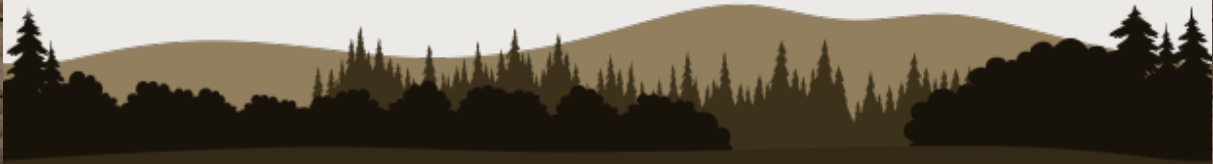
Of course this is a lot easier said than done and many times we must ask the Holy Spirit for guidance as to what we should do.

We said that we never want to put ourselves in any real danger but there are many other ways we can help. We discussed a number of ways that we can help those who are in need and show God's love.

We said, now that you know the details of this parable a little better, try reading it while putting yourself in place of the different characters to think about how each would have reacted to hearing Jesus tell it for the first time.



Join us in the Youth Room every Sunday, starting at 9:00am, for refreshments in a casual atmosphere for an opportunity for you and your friends to ask questions and discuss answers to your most pressing questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, other Religions, Christianity, or just about Life in general.



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