

Love through Compassion

Parable of the Good Samaritan

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What We Will Learn

- Parable of the Good Samaritan
- Illustrates God's call to compassion
- Neighbor as person in need of compassion
- Compassion as manifestation of love
- To inherit eternal life, accept God's call
 - Channel for his compassion
 - His provider assistant
- Luke 10:25–37

What must I do to Inherit Eternal Life?

- Test question from expert in the law
- Jesus turned the question back
- Two commandments about love
 - Love of God
 - Love of other persons
- Jesus accepted his answer
- Luke 10:25–28
- Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18

Luke 10 (NIV)

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?”

Luke 10 (NIV)

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.”

Deuteronomy 6 (NIV)

5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Leviticus 19 (NIV)

18 “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.

Love of Neighbor

- Expert asked Jesus to explain
- Who is a neighbor?
- Meaning of “love your neighbor”
- Jesus answered question
- Parable of the Good Samaritan
- Luke 10:29–37

Luke 10 (NIV)

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.

The Need and Needy

- The need
 - Man lying helpless. Left for dead
 - Unable to call for help
- The needy
 - Needs a service to be provided by another
 - Social standing (or any other) irrelevant
- Call for a provider assistant
 - Human provider needed to deliver service
 - Someone to recognize, care, and commit

Call to Compassion

- Dictionary meaning of compassion
“a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering”
- Recognize a need and the needy
- Care about the needy
- Commit to provide service needed
- Persevere till successful
- Recognize. Care. Commit. Persevere

Luke 10 (NIV)

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

32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

- Priest and Levite declined call to compassion
- Accept or decline—social status irrelevant

Luke 10 (NIV)

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.

Luke 10 (NIV)

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.’

The Samaritan

- Recognized the need
- Cared for the needy
 - “...and when he saw him, he took pity on him”
- Committed to helping the man recover
 - Provided first aid as he could
 - Transported him to an inn for more help
 - Cared for him overnight
 - Paid as he could
 - Promised to return to supplement payment

Luke 10 (NIV)

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.”

Neighbor

- Defined with respect to need and needy
- Provider-Receiver (Needy) relationship
 - Recognize the need
 - Care for the needy
 - Commit to provide for the need
 - Persevere until successful
- Samaritan was neighbor to the needy
- “Good Samaritan”
- Priest and Levite were not

Manifestation of Love

- Samaritan's love for his neighbor
- Manifested through his compassion
 - Recognized the need
 - Cared for the needy
 - Committed to providing for the need
 - Persevered to success
- Christ defines compassion as manifestation of love

Neighbor and Love

- God appoints you neighbor
- Through a call to compassion
- Accept the call
 - You love your neighbor
 - Earn blessing (inherit eternal life)
- Decline the call
 - Reject appointment as neighbor
 - Reject opportunity to love
 - Incur eternal punishment

What We Learned

- Christ defines
 - Compassion
 - Neighbor
 - Manifestation of love
- Through Parable of the Good Samaritan
- “Love your neighbor as yourself”
- Fulfills God’s purpose
- For provider assistant