

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

Into the Lesson:

Thinking back on your childhood, was your relationship with the neighbors more like:

The Flintstones and the Rubbles-
Mister Wilson and Dennis Mitchell-
The Hatfield's and McCoy's-

When did the privacy fence replace the picket fence?

What are some of the other factors that have contributed to neighbors becoming like strangers?

Into the Word:

Reread Luke 10:25-37 then consider how the lawyers attempt to "test" Jesus turned into his being "schooled" by the Messiah.

How do the questions asked (vv. 25-26) provide Jesus with **the teaching point** of this parable (v.29)?

Look at Leviticus 21:1-4 to get an overview from the perspective of the priest and Levite in vv.31-32.

Does this provide some justification for their actions?

From past sermons, commentaries, or Bible margin notes, what do we know of the Samaritans?

Read and comment on "neighborliness" as described in the following passages:

Psalms 112:5-9-
Matthew 25:37-40-
Acts 2:43-47-
Romans 12:9-18-
How critical is v.18?
James 1:27; 2:2-3 & 15-17-

Into Life:

At the Tuesday night Men's group, Lance stated, "Satan is after your soul and your family". How do the influences of our culture provide a "target rich" environment for the evil one?

Beyond political affiliations, who are some of the groups we might think of as "Samaritans"?

How does Colossians 2:8 provide a backdrop for the "isms" that prevail in our culture today?

Materialism (matter is the only reality)-
Relativism (there are no absolutes)-
Hedonism (if it feels good, it is)-
Cultural Marxism (intentionally create racial, gender, social economic tensions that weaken the fabric of society)-

(From Dr. Del Tackett's Truth Project)

What impact do these philosophies have on our ability to reach out to those who seem a long way off from the Good News that we must share?

How do we ask the questions in a non-intimidating or non-antagonistic way that will provide us with a teaching moment?

Respond to Lane's quote, "...we have never really loved, we have never really met need until it has cost us, and it has inconvenienced us...".

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:37