

Gather together
to be poured out.



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THE CHURCH.

SERMON
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APRIL 10 -
MAY 23



WEEK THREE



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

READ LUKE 10:25-37

For this week we will be taking a look at the passage in the Gospel of Luke, where Jesus and an expert in the law get into a conversation. Along the way, the conversation gets critical with this questions, "Who is my neighbor?"

It may be anybody, who has a need in which you are able to help.

As we see in the parable, two people pass the man in need while one stops to help. Culturally, the most surprising and perhaps offensive part to the audience who was listening was that it was an "enemy" (The Samaritan) who stopped to help.

A SAMARITAN YOU SAY? The implications for this are major because Jews and Samaritans were the biggest of enemies! Jews would never, ever have anything to do with a Samaritan.

Imagine the context:

As Jesus sets up the story it would be natural to assume the criminals were the Samaritans or the undesirables in society. And then Jesus flipped the script. Not only is the Samaritan the "hero" the Jewish Rabbi is the one who is least loving!

Jesus expands their understanding of neighbor and love to a world where we are called to care for anyone who has a need that we are able to help.

YOUR NEIGHBOR IS ANYBODY WHO YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP!

Neighbor is no longer confined by location, culture, social economic status, religion, and/or tribe. The shock and awe that comes to the audience (and you and me today) is the definition of neighbor is no longer people who talk, behave, and believe like we do but forces us to really ask ourselves, like Jesus ask's, "which of these three do you think was a *neighbor* to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Like the Jewish audience, how does the question Jesus' poses require us to examine our hearts, examine our prejudice? - Luke 10:36
- In what ways can you love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength? How have you loved a stranger as yourself?
- How will you go this week asking yourself, what needs am I seeing and how can I meet them?
- Share a story of a time when somebody came alongside you in a need you had and met it for you.

PRAYER

- Take this time to pray for your group members. What are specific things you need prayer for?
- How can the church family who is currently around you encourage you this week?



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LIKEWISE
BE THE
SAMARITAN**

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