

Can I be your neighbor?

Luke 10:25-37

What is the secret to life?

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall 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 your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

Luke 10:25-29

Instead of bending our lives to fit scripture, we attempt to _____

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Luke 10:29

Who is my Neighbor?

A Priest's Response - _____, _____, _____

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. Luke 10:30-31

A Levite's Response - _____, _____, _____

So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. Luke 10:32

A Samaritan's Response - _____, _____, _____

But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise." Luke 10:33-37

Compassion – *splangchnizomai* -Experience a deep visceral feeling for someone.

The sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it.

My neighbor is anyone whose need I see, whose need I am able to meet.

Cost of neighboring: _____, _____, _____

It is impossible to love God and to love your neighbor until you have first experienced God's love for you.

We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19

We are the traveler – beaten, battered and left for dead and Jesus is the good Samaritan

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom 5:8

Application: What will you do this week in response to this message?

Discussion Questions:

- In what ways do you read God's Word and attempt to justify yourself?
- If you were asked who is your neighbor, how would you respond?
- Share one experience where you were a Good Samaritan. Share one experience where a Good Samaritan helped you out
- Are there certain physical neighbors that you have a hard time loving? Why?
- What is the costliest aspect of loving your neighbors?
- How can you remind yourself of God's rescue for you on a daily basis?
- Who is one person that you will reach out to this week?

Additional Scripture Resources:

Luke 10:25-39

Romans 5:8

1 John 4:17

Proverbs 27:10

James 2

Romans 13:8-10