

Discussion Questions

October 1, 2023

A High Impact Church

1. Read Luke 10:25-37

- What struck you the most about the story of the Good Samaritan?
- Discuss why Jesus chose to tell the parable of the Good Samaritan to answer the lawyer's question.
- What does this parable teach us about being a neighbor?

2. The sermon emphasizes that being a good neighbor requires being interruptible. How do you balance your commitments and responsibilities with being available to help others?

3. Who represents the 'neighbor that is easy to overlook' in or around your life?

4. In what ways can a church community actively embody the principles of the Good Samaritan? What steps can we take to increasingly become a "love your neighbor as yourself" community?

5. What do you think it means to "follow the pain" of your community, as mentioned in the sermon? How can you do this in your own community?

6. What are some practical ways you can "go and do likewise" in your daily life to love your neighbor as yourself?

Luke 10:25-37

25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" 27 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." 28 And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 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. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 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. 35 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.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

3 Crucial Questions

1. What must I do to inherit eternal life?
2. Who is my neighbor?
3. Which of these three proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?

Who do we think of as neighbors?

People who live nearby, in my development, on my street

People who are part of my world: PTA, YMCA, Youth Soccer, Little League, Church

People like me:

- workout at the same health club
- same socio-economic class
- kids the same ages
- people with whom we are comfortable

Who did Jesus think was my neighbor?

Who is in bad shape (at the side of the road) in Mill Creek?

Who has been ambushed, beat up and robbed in North Bothell / South Everett?

Who are people ignoring or avoiding?

Jesus says the "Good Neighbor" is the one who shows mercy!**People who follow Jesus - follow the pain of their community**

Alcoholism and drug addiction

Divorce, broken families single parent exhaustion

Those in bondage to consumer debt
The chronically ill, disables, disadvantaged, blind, deaf, wheelchair bound
The soul sick, empty, exhausted by futility
Mentally ill, depressed
Elderly, lonely

What did the good Samaritan do?

Saw him
Took pity on him
Went to him
Treated his wounds
Put him on his own donkey
Took him to an inn
Took care of him
Paid for additional help and care

**Why do we have a problem with this kind of neighborliness?
TIME!**

**You have to be interruptible to be a good neighbor
Being a good neighbor is a lifestyle choice**

My purpose:

To challenge you to be a true community church
 A good Samaritan church
 A "love your neighbor as yourself" church
 A high impact church

Is this just a sidetrack?

A good works rabbit trail?

Shouldn't we be evangelizing our neighbors?

Remember the question that starts the discussion?

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

The lawyers answer which Jesus said was correct:

1. Love God - all your heart, soul, strength and mind
2. Love your neighbor as yourself

GO and DO likewise!

Loving God is always visible in how we treat our neighbors!