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# This Week's Lesson – June 24, 2020

# Truth, Justice and Power – The Jesus Way Lesson 4:

Seeking Salvation and Choosing
Compassion
Luke 10:25 – 37



#### **Introduction To The Gospel Of Luke**

Author: Luke, the Gentile Physician wrote Luke (1:1-4) and Acts (1:1-3)

**Date of Writing:** Between A.D. 58 and 65.

Purpose of Writing: Luke's Gospel is an "orderly account" (1:3) and shows Jesus' compassion all sinners.

#### **Practical Application:**

- Jesus was not "turned off" by the poor and the needy; in fact, they were a primary focus of His ministry.
- Christians must follow the example of Jesus and bring the good news of salvation to the spiritually poor and needy.
- Christ's followers are encouraged to count the cost of discipleship, in face of spiritual and worldly enemies of the Gospel.





# What Is A Parable?

PARABLE = a story used to illustrate a spiritual lesson or moral (told by Jesus in the Gospels)

## The Parable of the Good Samaritan



The Victim, Priest, Levite and The Good Samaritan

The story of a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho, robbed and left for dead.

A Priest and Levite passed him by. Yet, he was helped by a Samaritan – whom the Jews had no dealings with.

The lessons of the Parable are three-fold:

- We must set aside prejudice and show love and compassion for others.
- Our neighbor is anyone we encounter; we are all creatures of the creator.
- Keeping the law is an impossible task; we need a savior, and this is Jesus.

Read Luke 10:25 - 37

- 1. Read Luke 10:25 29 and reflect on why Jesus allowed the expert of the Law to challenge Him.
- <u>To Teach About God's Love:</u> Jesus uses the Lawyer's challenge to let us know about how much God loves us.
- To Teach The Lawyer About Himself: Jesus as a great teacher use this challenge to show the Lawyer what was in his heart.
- To Teach Others: Jesus knows that He is within earshot of all kinds of people – our lives are used as God's drama to display His Love and Glory



Note: God uses all the circumstances of our lives to work His purpose - to make us more like Christ (Rom. 8:28 – 29)

- 2. The expert of the Law wanted to justify himself (v. 29). Do you think needed to be justified?
- <u>His Own Self-Righteousness:</u> The lawyer was challenged by Jesus answer to love your neighbor wanted show he was in the right.
- <u>His Outer Righteousness Before Others:</u> Jesus words has Him on the defensive He wanted to make himself look righteous before people
- <u>His Inner Righteousness Before God</u>: he wanted to compare his concept of "neighbor" to Jesus/God's concept,



Note: God's Word is Spirit and Life to challenge and change our view to conform with His (Rom 12:1 -2; Heb. 4:12)

- 3. Why did Jesus intentionally choose to include the priest in the story (v. 31)?
- <u>To Reveal Our Responsibly:</u> Everyone especially those in leadership, need to care for others.
- <u>To Reveal Our Opportunity:</u> There are always opportunities to do good to others.
- <u>To Reveal Our Human Frailty:</u> Even the most spiritual or religious of us can come up short at times.



Note: True Worship does not end at church, but continues with service to God and others (Jam. 1:27)

- 4. The Levite was leaving Jerusalem to go to Jericho, likely away from the temple, so why would he not stop give a helping hand?
- For Self- Protection: The Levite may have thought that the injured man was trap or decoy.
- For Self Preservation: He may have been concerned about being "defiled" since he was coming from church.
- For Self-Preoccupation: He had his own plans and since it was a Samaritan, "It's not my problem..."



Note: We show our love for Jesus when we meet the needs of the "least of these" (Matt 25:40)

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- 5. Why does Jesus use the Samaritan as a reminder that compassion often comes from unexpected places?
- To Confront Pride: Jesus wanted to challenge our thinking that we have all things figured out.
- To Correct Prejudice: Jesus need to let the Jews know that they were not better than the Samaritans.
- To Convey God's Principles: Jesus wanted God's show compassion and use anyone for His Glory.



6. How does the Samaritan's care for the injured man parallels Jesus' care for and salvation for toward us?

- It is Unusual: It came from the most unlikely person – one that we were once hostile to.
- It is Unconditional: Regardless of our fault, position or condition – love and mercy was shown,
- It is Universal/Total: All we need not matter what the cost is freely and sacrificially given.



Note: God shows His Love by saving us when we were bruised and dying from sin – we need the same heart for others.

- 7. How can believers practice being a good neighbor like the Samaritan?
- Renew Our Commitment: Resolve to give our all to serve Jesus by serving others.
- Release Our Comfort: Participate in ministries to others (Prison, Children, Visiting The Sick...)
- <u>Recall God's Compassionn:</u> Reflect on the compassion Jesus has shown to us as the fuel for service.



Note: Real faith in Christ is not simply shown in what we say but in what we do for the less fortunate (Jam 2:14 – 20)

8. What are some ways our church demonstrates or can improve showing compassion to others?

#### **How We Demonstrate Compassion:**

- <u>VBS</u>: We show compassion and service to children of all ages/races.
- Missions: SRMBC has participated in foreign and home missions (GTN, CCU Work Release Service)
- Angel Tree: SRMBC has participated in providing Christmas Gifts to Children of inmates.



• <u>Benevolence</u>: SRBC provides assistance members and their families in their time of need.

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#### **How We Can Improve:**

- Thinking Outside the Box: Being willing to break out of our "Comfort Zone" and take risks.
- Partnering With Other Organizations: Reaching out to organizations out of our normal circle
- Expand Ministry Focus: Prison Ministry,
   Recovery, Divorce- Care, Day Care...



## **Points To Ponder**

- Read verse 30 and think of yourself or someone you love as the man being robbed. How does this make you feel?
- Is Jesus the 1st Name you would call on?
- Would you pray for the robbers or protest the violence?



# **Keys For Living**

- Our love for God is shown by our love for our fellow man – showing compassion to others regardless of our race or cultural differences.
- No matter what is going on in our lives, we can always find the time and the resources to help the less fortunate.



Reflecting on the love and mercy Jesus demonstrated for us on the cross will help us to show the same to others.

