

③ The Bloody, Beaten Savior

☰☰ Jesus' command "go + do likewise" leaves you **3** options

Option 1 Religious Option "ok, I'll do it"

Problem = this moral beauty is an impossibility so heaven is barred to you!

Option 2 Secular Option "no objective moral standard or beauty"

Problem...

☑ You can't stop living as if there is such a standard

☑ To realize that the bar is "empty" is despair *Arthur Miller*

Option 3 Xtian Option, Gospel, "Parables of Grace" *Capon* ... Remember Jesus is on the way to Jerusalem

☑ Jesus rejected by religious + Samaritans *9:51-56* Loves Θ + Loves neighbor at great cost to Himself like Good Samaritan

☑ Jesus most like bloody, beaten man *Capon*

GRACE = not what we must Do but what J has Done

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How is the Lawyer seeking to justify himself in light of the Moral Obligation and Beauty of God's Law?
How do religious people and secular people all stand "before the bar" of some Moral Beauty/Obligation and seek to justify themselves?
2. Describe the Moral Beauty demonstrated by the Good Samaritan.
3. What are the three options of how to live out the Parable of the Good Samaritan?
Discuss the bankruptcy of the (1) Religious and (2) Irreligious Options, and discuss how the Parable of the Good Samaritan can be read as a Parable of Grace. How might reading it as a Parable of Grace transform your life this week?

GIVING

Redeemer Offerings for 2017

March total: \$6,770

Actual YTD: \$52,740

Target YTD: \$65,000

Net Difference: \$-12,260

2017 Target Budget: \$338,000

2017 Target reflects the Session's hope for giving in 2017 based on current giving and needs. Thank you for giving so cheerfully and faithfully.

↳ In Parables "standing right before Jesus" Jeremias
In Luke ▶ Jesus sets face toward Jerusalem +
Cross "Parables of Grace" Capon (9:21, 51)

Xtian Take up cross + follow your king 9:23+57

Secular Listen "He who has ears, let him hear" 8:8

① The bar before which you stand

☰☰ Lawyer tests Jesus "what must I do
to inherit eternal life?" Jesus asks Q
"What is written in the law?" Lawyer's A

1. This is the Q that every religion is asking
2. This is the A that every religion is giving: ☰☰

I'm not a religious person, so I'm not asking
that Q! Not so quickly, look deeper =

3. Every society, every person operates
based on a moral code David...
C.S. Lewis
4. Your whole life can be seen as a kind
of proving yourself before the bar
Arthur Miller

Will you grant me the relevance of this?

② The Moral Beauty Jesus calls you to

☰☰ Who is my neighbor? = Parable of Good
Samaritan

- ☑ road from Jerusalem to Jericho... man
beaten, bloody, left half dead vs 30
- ☑ Priest "saw him" but passes by
- ☑ Levite "saw him" but passes by
- ☑ Samaritan = racial, moral, religious
"outsider" "saw him" + has compassion
binds wounds, brings him to an Inn
and provides for man at great cost
to himself.

See the breathtaking Moral Beauty?
Xtian + secular, struck by the beauty?

1. Love @ first + most "ordo amoris"
Augustine
2. Love neighbor as you already love
yourself.
3. Your neighbor is every person - no
matter race, religion, personality, social
status, sexuality, etc. - in need.