

Scripture reading: Luke 10:25-37

Sermon title: Change the world: Be a neighbor

Change the World is **partnering with God** for the glory of Jesus & the good of all people.

3 Grounding Assumptions

-**God** is already working

-**We** partner with God with our entire life & in everyday ways

-**We** partner with others, loving each other as we love our neighbors

Ongoing Actions

-**Be** a neighbor

-**Seek** to serve

-**Share** the good news

-**Invest** your life

Change the world by **being a neighbor** to a few people the way Jesus is to us all.

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.”

Luke 10:25-37

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.**

The priest and the Levite confront us with a simple question, “Are **they** worth it?”

The Samaritan **sees, feels, & does** differently.

But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and **when he saw him**, he had compassion.

The Priest & Levite saw a problem, The Samaritan saw a person.

It's hard to see people as people.

But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, **he had compassion**.

Compassion makes your pain my own. The pain of someone else breaks my heart before it moves my hands & feet.

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The Samaritan cares for this person at great cost & with great risk

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.

**The Samaritan uses his resources to care for this person.
Resources = Time, Talent, and Treasure**

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.'

The Samaritan risks his very life to care for this person.

Loving well always comes with risk.

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."

But a Samaritan,

The Samaritan is not the hero they wanted but it is the hero they needed.

Jesus is the Greater Samaritan

When **he saw** the crowds, **he had compassion** for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ **Then he said** to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore **pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send** out laborers into his harvest."

Matthew 9:36-37

And as for your birth, on the day you were born your cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water to cleanse you, nor rubbed with salt, nor wrapped in swaddling cloths. ⁵No eye pitied you, to do any of these things to you out of compassion for you, but you were cast out on the open field, for you were abhorred, on the day that you were born.

⁶“And **when I passed by you and saw you** wallowing in your blood, I said to you in your blood, ‘Live!’ **I said to you in your blood, ‘Live!’** ⁷**I made you flourish** like a plant of the field.
Ezekiel 16:-7a

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight
Ephesians 1:7-8

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.
Acts 4:11

Jesus is the Greater Samaritan

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But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was

Receive the welcome of Jesus.

Therefore welcome one another **as Christ has welcomed you**, for the glory of God.
Romans 15:7

Extend the welcome of Jesus.

Be a blessing.

*-Map your neighborhood and network of relationships
-Meet needs and change lives.*

Pursue hospitality with those you're connected to.

*- Make room in your heart and your schedule
- Make memories and have meaningful discussions.*