

MOVING HEARTS AND HOMES

MOVE: Part Six

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On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered: " '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, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." (Lk 10:25–37 NIV)

THE BIG IDEA:

The question is not: **WHO IS** my Neighbor?

The question is: **AM I** a Neighbor?

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" (Lk 10:36 NIV)

3 ATTITUDES THAT KEEP ME FROM BEING A NEIGHBOR:

- The Lawyer- It's **NOT** my **JOB**
- The Priest- I have **HIGHER PRIORITIES**
- The Levite- I'm **TOO BUSY**

THE FIX:

1. I must **PURSUE** selflessness.

Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. (1 Cor. 9:19)

2. I must **REALIZE** who I really am.

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. (Rom. 12:4-6 NLT)

- I am part of **THE CHURCH**

"The Local Church is the Hope of the World"

Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. (Matt. 16:18 NLT)

"Ordinary People, Empowered by God, Doing What Jesus Did, Wherever They Are."

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to release the oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Lk. 4:18-19 NIV)*

- Only the Church can offer **WHOLISTIC HELP**

"Whole Person - Whole Family - Whole Lifetime"

Solutions Biblical Counseling
Pre-Marital/Marriage Ministry
DivorceCare
GriefShare

Celebrate Recovery

Money Management Ministry

School Partnership/English as a Foreign Language

Better Parenting

Single and Parenting Support Group

Hope & Life Outreach (HALO)

Raising Highly Capable Kids

LAST THOUGHT: How will you **BE A NEIGHBOR** this week?