

Sermon Series: BLESSING OUR COMMUNITY

Sermon Title: "Skin In The Game"

Scripture: Luke 10:33-35 (NIV)

INTRO: To have "skin in the game" means that you are \_\_\_\_\_ (personally) invested in someone or something by giving of your \_\_\_\_\_ (time), \_\_\_\_\_ (talents), and \_\_\_\_\_ (treasure).

HOW DO WE PUT SKIN IN THE GAME:

1. Stop What You Are Doing and \_\_\_\_\_ (Move) Towards Someone in Need
  - this will probably be an interruption
  - it may very well be an inconvenience
  - the Samaritan didn't wait for the victim to ask for help
2. Look for \_\_\_\_\_ (Wounds) That We Can Help Heal
  - you must get close to see what the wound really is
  - this is triage: assess the urgency of the need to see what is required for treatment
  - stop the bleeding, bandage the wound
3. Apply \_\_\_\_\_ (Medicines) as Needed
  - oil & wine were used as antibacterial medicines
  - spiritually: oil represents the Holy Spirit
  - spiritually: wine represents the blood of the New Covenant
4. Get Additional \_\_\_\_\_ (Help)
  - as a church body we can provide intensive care
  - many can do MORE than one
  - ministry is a team sport
5. Healing Often Requires \_\_\_\_\_ (Sacrifice)
  - the Samaritan gave his time, energy, and finances
  - he did for one, what we wish we could do for all
  - Jesus made the supreme sacrifice when he gave his life for our ultimate healing
6. Know Your \_\_\_\_\_ (Limits)
  - the Samaritan left the next day after getting the victim to the inn
  - understand that we can only do so much
  - we still must provide for our families

CLOSE: People need to know how much we \_\_\_\_\_ (care) before they can care about how much we \_\_\_\_\_ (know)!

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: How are you putting "skin in the game?" Look for someone who has a need this week and then get involved and help meet that need.