

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

Intro

Jesus people
Season of foundations
The Person of Jesus
The Work of Jesus
The Teaching of Jesus
The Mission of Jesus

Continuing on that theme looking at the Parables of Jesus
Returning to His Word and teaching to receive direction and leading for our life
Matt 7 - laying foundations

Power of a story

Grandad is a brilliant storyteller
Used to hang on his every word

- It can take us back and help us feel childlike again
- They can help explain some of the most complex things
- They can translate some profound truths and wisdom into bitesize chunks

The master storyteller was Jesus
He used these stories to explain some of the most profound truths of the kingdom of God to His audience using simple things like sheep and coins
Jesus used parables to make bold truths that reveal truth to those who are open minded
Yet at the same time they would conceal the message to those who were close minded
The parables reveal & show the simplicity of the Kingdom of God
The Parables show us how Jesus healing the sick, raising the dead, breaking the chains of injustice & inviting people to follow Him was the arrival of the Kingdom of God
The parables identify Jesus as the Messiah
The parables reveal the character of Christ
The parables show us Gods mercy, compassion and grace, that the God of the Old Testament was revealed in the person of Jesus Christ
The parables reveal God's love for His people, and His relentless pursuit of the people through the ages
The parables reveal to us the condition of our hearts
Over the month of July, were going to look at some of these parables and how they reveal Jesus to us and how they instruct and lead us
This morning were looking at the Parable of the Good Samaritan

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

6 people/groups of people involved in the story:

- The Jewish man
- The robbers

- Priests
- A Levite
- Samaritan
- Inn Keeper

One of them was a victim

The others were thieves

Two should have known better

One was out for personal gain

One was a servant

This parable shows us that the posture of the human heart is revealed when confronted with the needs of others

To the robbers, the wounded man was someone to use and exploit.

To the expert in the law, the wounded man was a subject to discuss.

To the religious men, the wounded man was a problem to be avoided.

To the innkeeper, the wounded man was a customer to serve for a fee.

To the Samaritan, the wounded man was a human being worth being cared for and loved.

Mankind can be so cruel and ignorant yet at the same time has the capacity for extraordinary kindness

Jesus attitude towards people

To see what attitude we should have towards those in need

We need to look at the attitude of the one we should aspire to become

Remembering that the parables show us who Jesus is and in this case how He responds to people

1 - Jesus was never in a rush with people & cares deeply for people
Jairus daughter (Matt 9)

2 - This parable tells us that God loves justice
He cares for the downtrodden and oppressed

Psalm 89:14 NLT

[14] Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Unfailing love and truth walk before you as attendants.

Luke 4:18-19 NLT

[18] "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, [19] and that the time of the LORD's favour has come."

3 - Parable shows us the high priority of the poor in the Bible

We see littered throughout the Bible the emphasis God places on caring for the poor and needy, the downtrodden and oppressed

Here in this story he calls the poor those who are in need and neighbour and tells us to love our neighbour no matter who they are

No matter what their gender

No matter what the colour of their skin is

No matter what city they are from (the Samaritans were hated by the Israelites and the Israelites by the Samaritans)

No matter what their theological standpoint is
No matter what they look like, smell like and speak like
Jesus calls us to love our neighbour regardless
Heard a lot about the first commandment in first place, and rightly so
Add to that the second commandment
Love your neighbour as yourself
Being a Jesus people is a people who put Jesus above all else and then go out of their way to
show Jesus to the world around them by:
Care for the oppressed and broken in our city
Feed the hungry
Clothe the naked
Care for the widow and the orphan
Providing life skills to those who need it
By doing that we share the love of the Father and revealing Jesus to a broken world

How will we obey?

Luke 10:36-37 NLT

[36] "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbour to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. [37] The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

Love your neighbour

Praying

Luke 10:2

Start of the chapter Jesus called us to pray

One of the greatest ways we can love someone is through prayer

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1 hour with Jesus every day

1 hour in corporate prayer this week

1 hour prayer walking this week

Caring

Love requires action

Putting yourself in the shoes of the people in the parable which one of those people would you be?

Would you be like the expert in the law, using the situation to press your point home?

Would you be like religious men, who avoided the situation?

Would you be like the Good Samaritan, who at any cost cares for those in need?

The good Samaritan didn't just see the need, he cared for the man and looked after the man even at his own expense

Caring for others and loving our neighbour costs!

It costs time, it costs money

Yet this is what Jesus calls us to do

He calls us to love our neighbour

Story of lady on Thursday with the Well

We can finish food poverty by loving our neighbour
We are called to love our by praying for them and caring for them

Sharing

Share your why
Fantastic feeding the hungry etc
But unless we share Jesus the cycle will never break
We love because He first loved us
Who will you tell?
Tell people by demonstrating the love of God by loving your neighbour