

Sermon Guide for Tribes October 16, 2022 Message Title: Live Sent

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

25 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[a] 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."

Points of Consideration:

Prayers for Living Sent:

- Prayer of Reception-God, help my neighbor have a soft and receptive heart.
- Prayer of Revelation-God, open my neighbor's eyes and enlighten their mind to understand spiritual truth.
- Prayer of Salvation-God, I pray that my neighbor will come to know Jesus in a personal way.
- Payer of Availability-God, I'm willing to be used for your glory today.
- Prayer of Opportunity-God, give me eyes to see others as you see them today.
- Prayer for Empathy-God, help me to feel for others how you feel for them today.
- Prayer of Mercy-God, lead me to act on behalf of others today.
- Prayer of Ministry-God, use me to serve others today.
- Prayer of Generosity-God, use the wealth and resources given to me to bless others today.

Discussion Questions:

Identifying our neighbor may seem easy at first. The story of the Good Samaritan demonstrates that the term "neighbor" encompasses our family, friends, acquaintances, and enemies. How do you think the lawyer might have responded to the story of the Good Samaritan? What do you think, and how do you feel, when asked to love your enemies?

The priest and the Levite were not moved with compassion for the wounded man because they could not or would not see the man through God's eyes. On the other hand, the Samaritan saw the man in his state and was moved with compassion. How can we begin to see others (especially our enemies) with compassion?
The Samaritan did not simply recognize the wounded man's state. The Samaritan did not merely have compassion for the wounded man. The Samaritan also acted on the wounded man's behalf, for the wounded man's good, at his own expense. How can we give hands and feet to our compassion for others that costs us personally?
