

Outline for Sunday, October 15, 2023
AM
God, A Self-portrait: A Study of the Parables
"Oh, Won't You Be My Neighbor?"
Text: Luke 10:25-37

- I. The backdrop – a critical question. (10:25-29)***
- II. The parable – an intriguing response. (10:30-37)***
- III. The meaning for us – a valuable lesson.***

As we come to determine the significance of the parable, we must remember that the purpose of a parable is to leave an impression on the hearers. Remember parables were spoken not written. The clear impression of this parable is that:

As believers, we are to actively, consistently demonstrate the love of God toward our fellow man.

This involves two things.

- 1. Demonstrating the love of God demands that we recognize the needs of the hurting.***
- 2. Demonstrating the love of God requires that we respond to the needs of the hurting.***

It is not enough to recognize the need. It's not enough to diagnose the problem. We must do something.

Conclusion:

We reflect the life of God when we respond in the way our Lord responded to the lost and the hurting. How often we read in the Gospels that He looked out over the multitude and saw them as sheep without a shepherd. Or He looked out over the multitude and He had *compassion* for them.

We actively demonstrate the love of God by recognizing the needs of the hurting and responding to those needs.

First and foremost with the Gospel.
But also daily, practical needs as well.