The Stories Jesus Told:
The Good Sam Club:
Luke 10:25–37

Slide 1:

The parables are not primarily stories about becoming better people. They are stories that reveal our hearts, expose our need for grace, and ultimately point us to Jesus.

Slide 2: Two Questions
"What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

"Who is my neighbor?"

Slide 3: The Wrong Assumption

I can earn eternal life.

The lawyer wanted to justify himself.

"For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.” Romans 3:20

Slide 4: The Purpose of the Law

The Law doesn't save us.

The Law shows us we need a Savior.

"So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.” Galatians 3:24

Slide 5: The Surprise

The question isn’t…. "Who is my neighbor?"

It's..."Am I being a neighbor?”

"Which of these three... proved to be a neighbor...? ...The one who showed him mercy.” Luke 10:36–37

Slide 6: Compassion Moves

- He saw
- He felt
- He came near
- He helped
- He sacrificed
- He gave
- He followed up

"Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:18

Slide 7: A Neighbor Is...
Anyone whose need I can meet.

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10

Slide 8: Three Responses

The Robbers:
What's yours is mine.

The Religious:
What's mine is mine.

The Redeemed:
What's mine is yours.

Slide 9: The Main Point

Good works cannot save us.

Only Jesus can.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Ephesians 2:8–9

Slide 10
Jesus Is the Better Samaritan
He came to us.
He bound our wounds.
He paid our debt.
He offers us life.

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8 (ESV)

Slide 11:

The stories Jesus told don't simply teach us how to live; they reveal who we are, who God is, and why we need Jesus.