

Encounters With Jesus #1

"The Expert"

Encountering Jesus changes everything, by Pastor Jason on 3-17-24

Text: Luke 10:25-37

Lessons from the Expert

1. KNOWLEDGE isn't enough
2. WORKS isn't enough
3. Love has to be GOD'S WAY
4. Don't be too BUSY
5. Love is ABUNDANT and GENEROUS

God's heart is that we should...

1. Love no matter WHO or how UNCOMFORTABLE it is
2. Love no matter the RISK or if they don't DESERVE it
3. Show MERCY like the Samaritan
4. Look for someone IN NEED
5. Love your ENEMY and show COMPASSION

When you've encountered Jesus, you...

1. LOVE like He LOVES
2. GO out of your WAY
3. Show ACTION over words or knowledge
4. Get in the DITCH

*OUR MISSION: Inviting people to Encounter a life changing God
And become passionate followers of Christ.*

TOGETHER GROUP QUESTIONS

Read **Luke 10:25-37**. What stands out in this passage? What is God's heart wanting to communicate to us through this Scripture?

We refer to the "expert in the law" in this passage... someone who was a know-it-all and had all the spiritual answers. What was he asking, testing, and seeking from Jesus... and why?

Before talking with Jesus, what would your guess be about "The Expert's" definition of a neighbor? And after Jesus' story, what was Jesus' definition of loving your neighbor?

Look at the characters in the story: a priest, a Levite, a Samaritan, and the man who was beaten. How can you relate with all four characters?

Why do you think the Priest and the Levite walked away? Would it change the likelihood of you stopping and helping someone on the side of the road based on their gender, age, or ethnicity?

Why is it important for us to be willing to help others? How does God see each of us? How can we work to see each other the way God sees us?

Share with the group one person that you know is in need right now. How can you go out of your way and help them this week?