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*June 14, 2020 Message Notes*

*LUKE 10:25-37*

Our message for today, *Compassion in Action*, takes a pause from our current series in order to address the situation we are seeing in mainstream media over the last few weeks. We are grateful to be joined by Pastor Eddy Gervais, Senior Pastor of Community Christian Church in Miami Gardens, FL. He will be answering questions submitted by Christ Journeymen on issues of race, justice, and politics.



## NOTES

When it comes to responding to racial injustice: **It's not perfection. It's participation.**

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*"Who is my neighbor?"*

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" Jesus replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, " '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, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." **But he wanted to justify himself**, so he asked Jesus, **"And who is my neighbor?"**

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But **a Samaritan**, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, **"The one who had mercy on him."**

Jesus told him, **"Go and do likewise."** - Luke 10: 25-37

- Notice and name the pain we're in.
- Attend to the wounded.
- Commit to a shared future.



**Question:** What questions should white people be asking right now, and what do black people want to hear or see happening from white people?

- Acknowledge that something is wrong.
- Affirm that you care.
- Take action.

Use your voice of influence to acknowledge, affirm and act.

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19

Use your voice to implement change.

**Question:** How do we keep moving forward without despair?

- Start with fellowship.
- Offer forgiveness.
- Build friendship.
- Be proactive

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***How are you treating Christ today?***

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What can we do?

- Pay attention.
- Build a friendship.
- Be ready to forgive.

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

