

Connect with One Another

Luke 10:25-37 ESV Our religion needs to prepare us for eternity – God has put this in our hearts. First, he asks what he needs to do but when Jesus tells him to love his neighbor he doesn't ask "how", but who.

I. The call to love.

- a. Jesus answers the who by making a Samaritan the one who loves the broken Jew in the story. Samaritans didn't help Jews and Jews didn't help Samaritans – they were enemies. Who? Luke 6:35 ESV "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil."
- b. What does love look like?
 - i. It feels and it does something. Jesus was often "moved" by compassion. Not just sympathy, but compassion. He was willing to "see", "feel", and "do" instead of hiding himself and making it someone else's problem. "I always thought someone should do something about and then I realized that I was someone."
 - ii. False religion is able to keep all its commitments to God and do nothing for broken people that are suffering. Isaiah 58:6-7 ESV "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed^[a] go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?"
- c. If you love this way all of your life, not just knowing you should but actually living it out, you will have "done" what is necessary to inherit eternal life. This was not an encouraging answer for the scribe.

II. The One who is love.

- a. They called Jesus a Samaritan. (John 8:48) He is the only One who showed what true love is. 1 John 4:9-11 ESV "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."
 - i. Jesus is God and possesses eternal life.
 - ii. He loved us by becoming human and actually lived out perfectly what the law required so He could become a perfect sacrifice for all the ways we fall short.

iii. We are not saved by “doing” today, but by believing in Him. There’s nothing you can “do” to inherit eternal life other than believing on the One God sent to be our Savior.

b. The allegory of the Good Samaritan:

- i. The human race is broken, robbed, and left half-dead in this dark world.
- ii. The law couldn’t help us (Levite) and the Old Testament sacrifices (Priest) couldn’t help us.
- iii. Jesus felt compassion and left heaven to serve us. He was anointed (oil) to preach and died on the cross so He could cleanse us with His blood (wine).
- iv. He’s the only One who can save the human race. *John 12:32-33 ESV “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.”
- v. He brings them to the church (the inn) which He has resourced and will reward on His return.

III. The church is His inn.

- a. He resourced us before He left and He will reward us when He returns.
 - i. Acts 1:8 ESV “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” *You is plural – together we have the anointing He left to take care of people.
*Jesus had the Spirit without measure, we are given the Spirit in measure but when we come together the world can see the beauty and power of Jesus just like they did on earth.
 - ii. Matthew 25:14-29 When He returns we will be rewarded for how we used what was His to bless the church and the world. *The believers judgment isn’t for sin, it’s for reward. (1Cor. 3:10-15)
- b. We are resourced for all of humanity’s needs when we work together in unity. 1Corinthians 12:18 ESV “But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.” *Covid – our staff and the four values we see the church through.
 - i. Humanity is broken and needs healing: The church is a hospital.
 - ii. Humanity is rejected and needs acceptance: The church is a family.
 - iii. Humanity is deceived and needs the truth: The church is a school.
 - iv. Humanity is rebellious and need to repent. The church is an army.
- c. Interdependence is how God made us so He’s calling us to be together.
 - i. Pride demands uniformity, humility acknowledges the value of each other’s gifts and perspective. We want your voice and your value

heard – don't say you're not part of the body. (12:16 The ear to the eye) We need you to acknowledge the value of the other parts of the body and the other voices that He is using. (12:21 The eye to the hand)

- ii. Shepherd to shepherd – 2022 – Mr. Independence – God showed me my church hurt and the resulting self-protection.
- iii. The tic that I couldn't see or remove and could have killed me, was easily dealt with in community.

Salvation and sign up.