

HURRY MUCH? (Week 3)

January 25th, 2026

"Becoming a Neighbor"

Review:

- We Americans are so hurried, constantly active all the time, even when we stop we are active.
- The problem with constant activity is it affects our health.
- We often speed right past the most important things.

Proverbs 19:2 (ESV) *Desire without knowledge is not good, but how much more will hasty feet miss the way!*

Hurriedness impacts our relationship with God.

Psalm 46:10 (NIV) *¹⁰He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

Isaiah 40:31 (ESV) *³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

Hurriedness impacts our relationship with others.

- Relationships require patience and time.

1 Corinthians 13:4–7 (NIV) *⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

Hurriedness impacts discipleship.

- Program thinking—get the information through classes and then graduate.
- Skipping steps with people to get a job done, rather than focusing on growth and maturity.
- Having an agenda rather than a relationship.

Hurriedness causes us to miss the work God has right in front of us.

Let's look at Luke 10:25-37 (ESV)

1. Notice all the commands are summed up in love for God and others (Matthew 22:37 ESV).
2. Notice Jesus reveals categories of people in this parable and their focus in life.
 - A. What is yours is mine if I can take it.
 - B. What is mine is mine and you can't have it.
 - C. What is mine is yours. I give it because it has been given to me.
3. Those who were supposed to represent God walked by. Why?
 - A. Maybe because they had done their religious service already. They had checked their box.
 - B. Maybe because they were in a hurry to get to Jericho to serve the Lord there.
 - C. Maybe because they thought the man deserved it. "*It's his own fault*" but they didn't stop to see that a hurting person may be at a crossroads. Planting seeds can happen in such ways.
4. God's Word reveals that every believer, the normal everyday person, is invited by God into His service.
5. Notice the Good Samaritan represents God's way of doing things.
 - He saw the person as important.

2 Timothy 2:20–21 (NIV) *²⁰ In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. ²¹ Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.*

- He saw the need as an opportunity.
- The Good Samaritan took his time to meet the needs. He changed his schedule more than once, because he came back to check on the man.
- The Good Samaritan included others in the effort to help this man.
- The Good Samaritan saw this as an opportunity to work with God to meet needs.

6. Notice Jesus said, “**Go and do likewise.**”

- Jesus changed the question: “*Who is my neighbor?*” to “*Who will I be a neighbor to?*”
- You set the standard. You don’t give into the world’s way of doing things.
- A hurried person speeds right past the relationship and the daily work God has for them.

Making this PRACTICAL:

1. Is there any space within your daily walk? If you don’t press into your “*abiding*” sphere then you will not have the overall goals of God in your life.
2. Look at your schedule. “*Waiting upon the Lord*” makes you spiritually aware, strategic, intentional, connected to God so that you can see His agenda for your life.

Colossians 3:1–4 (NIV) ¹ *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*

FOR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION:

Opening Question: When has someone helped you on the side of the road? Have you ever hitchhiked?

Main Point: This series is not just about slowing down but slowing down enough to truly care. The greatest commandments are to love God and love people (**Matthew 22:36–40**). We want to care about who, and what, God cares about.

Main Scripture: Luke 10:25–37 (ESV)

Head Questions:

- What was the motive of the “*expert in the law*” to ask Jesus this question?
- What might have been the excuses of the Priest and the Levite for not stopping to help the man?

Heart Questions:

- What excuses have you used to get out of helping others? What excuses have people used to get out of helping you?
- When do you struggle to care about others? Are there certain people/scenarios you tend to avoid?
- Loving others doesn’t mean we have to respond to every single need. What do you think God cares about most with the people in your life?

Hands Questions:

- Do the rhythms in your life allow you to show care and compassion for others?
- Is there a part of your regular routine that God might be prompting you to let go of, in order to have more availability and capacity to care for others?
- Is there something you can incorporate this week to be less hurried?

Additional Scripture: Romans 12:15; Philippians 2:1–4; Colossians 3:12–14; 1 Corinthians 13 (ESV)

Tips and Resources:

- Empathy vs Sympathy video - youtube.com/watch?v=1Evwgu369Jw “Brené Brown on Empathy”