

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.

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.*

5. Notice the Good Samaritan represents God's way of doing things.
 - He saw the person as important.

- 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=1Evvqu369Jw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Evvqu369Jw) “Brené Brown on Empathy”