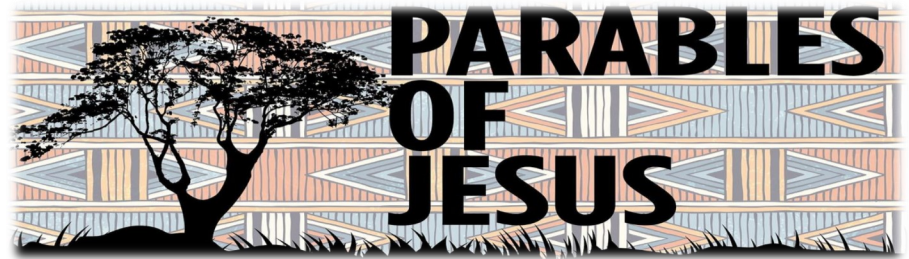


Reflection Questions: What is my biggest obstacle to having more compassion for those in need? When was the last time I loved an enemy? What opportunities do I have today to show compassion to others? What will it cost me?

How can we pray for one another this week?



Parable of the Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25-37

Sermon
Notes

September 27, 2020

Quotes to Ponder

The primary way that we demonstrate our love for an invisible God is by loving well the visible people that He has placed in front of us on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis (1 John 4:7-21).

Paul Madson

I imagine that the first question the priest and Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But by the very nature of his concern, the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?'

Martin Luther King Jr.

Our need isn't to define who our neighbor is, but to care for him.

Gary Inrig

A Christian is someone who lives outside himself. He lives in Christ by faith and in his neighbor by love.

Martin Luther

There are times when it is easy see the goodness of God in our circumstances, but there are also times when we can barely see it at all. It is then that we need faith that is truly Christian—faith to believe in goodness we cannot yet see. And there must always be goodness in our circumstances, for God does not send us two classes of providence, one good and one bad. No, everything works for good for those who are loved by God and called according to his purpose. Through the eyes of faith we see that our suffering is God's goodness in seed form. It takes time for the seed to mature and to grow and to bud and to bear fruit. Many of the good things in our lives come first as pain, first as suffering, first as disappointment, but afterward they bloom into the rich fruits of righteousness—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness...

Tim Challies

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Con-
victed you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?
2. How does Jesus' answer the question, *Who is my neighbor (Luke 10:29)?*
3. If there is a neighbor I must love, is there also a neighbor I do not need to love? Do I have to love everyone? Where do I draw the line? What are the limits to my love?
4. What is the main point of this parable?
5. What is secondary point of this parable?
6. How does the Bible define *love*? Use Scripture.
7. If the greatest commandment is to love God with our whole heart (*Matthew 22:36-40; Luke 10:25-28*), how do we practically carry that out?
8. Read *Galatians 5:14*. What does this mean? How should we respond?
9. What can we do to apply what we've learned? How can we live out the principles of this parable in our present day?

Supplies that are needed for victims of the Alameda fire:

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| Laundry detergent | Diapers |
| Dish soap | Feminine products |
| Cleaning supplies | Sleeping bags and pads |
| Batteries | Pillows |
| Juice/Gatorade | Shampoo/conditioner |
| Can openers | First aid supplies |
| Non-perishable foods | Toilet paper |
| Pet food | Duffel bags, luggage |
| New socks/underwear | Baby formula, wipes, bottles |

Supply drop off locations:

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| Talent Maker City
304 E Main Street | Living Waters Church
360 E Jackson, Medford |
| Carpenter Hall
44 Pioneer Street, Ashland | Shoppes at Exit 24
205 N Phoenix Road |

Suggestions for what we can do:

- * If you've suffered loss, let us know on an ongoing basis
- * PRAY
- * Write notes of encouragement to those suffering
- * Call and pray with them
- * Listen to people's stories, don't presume to have all the answers
- * Be available over the long haul, there is no quick fix
- * Buy a tank of gas
- * Provide meals (in containers that don't need to be returned)
- * Help with shopping to replace things
- * Donate items carefully
- * Gift cards for groceries, necessities, restaurants, etc.
- * Help with debris removal
- * Price items for personal property inventories
- * If you have expertise in something, offer to help in that area
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