

The Good Samaritan

10:25-27

Getting Started

- ❖ When has someone gone out of their way to help you?

Key Ideas for Discussion

1. The Conflict behind the Parable (v.25-29)
2. The Offensiveness of the Parable. (v.30-35)
3. The Application of the Parable. (v.36-37)

Takeaway Truth: True Disciples serve others with Jesus' love and mercy.

Exploring the Text

- ❖ Read the sermon text and answer the following:
 - What did the lawyer ask Jesus and why do you think he did so? (vs.25)
 - What stands out to you in the conversation between Jesus and the Lawyer in v.26-28
 - Why did the Lawyer ask the “neighbor” question in v. 29? What does the question reveal?
 - What did the Priest and Levite do to the robbed man? Do you think Jesus was subtly saying something about the Temple priests or is this just a caricature for the purposes of the Parable? (v.30-32)
 - What was the Samaritan's response? Why did he respond this way? (v.33-35)
 - How did the Lawyer end up defining a “neighbor”? (v.37)

Digging Deeper

- ❖ What different motivations do people have for asking questions about God and of God?
- ❖ What natural inclinations make it easier for us to act like the priest and the Levite rather than the Samaritan?

Apply It

- ❖ What steps can you take to meet people's physical needs?
- ❖ Who are you a neighbor to?

Think About It

Jesus is himself on the road to Jerusalem—it is perhaps significant that the first parable told on the journey is about people coming and going on the road Jesus himself will shortly tread—and his challenge to Israel is to see that the way of confrontation with Samaritans, Romans and pagans of whatever sort is not the way of living and showing God's grace. He is urgently offering the way of peace, and only the 'children of peace' (10:6) will escape the self-inflicted judgment that will befall those bent on violence.

What lies at the heart of the confrontation with the lawyer, then, is a clash between two quite different visions of what it means to be Israel, God's people. (NT Wright)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

April 7, 2024 | Second Sunday of Easter

HOUSE OF THE LORD

Words and Music by Phil Wickham and Jonathan Smith, 2020

We worship the God who was. We worship the God who is. We worship the God who evermore will be. He opened the prison doors. He parted the raging sea. Our God, He holds the victory.

There's joy in the house of the Lord. There's joy in the house of the Lord today. And we won't be quiet. We shout Your praise. There's joy in the house of the Lord. Our God us surely in this place. And we won't be quiet. We shout Your praise.

We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves. We sing to the God who always makes a way. He hung upon that cross then he rose up from that grave. My God's still rolling stones away.

We were the beggars. Now we're royalty. We were the prisoners. Now we're running free. We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace. Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

YES I WILL

Words and Music by Eddie Hoagland, Mia Fieldes, and Jonathan Smith, 2018

I count on one thing: the same God that never fails will not fail me now, You won't fail me now. In the waiting, the same God who's never late is working all things out. You're working all things out.

*Yes, I will lift You high in the lowest valley.
Yes, I will bless Your name.
Yes, I will sing for joy when my heart is heavy.
All my days, yes, I will.*

I choose to praise, to glorify, glorify,
the name of all names that nothing can stand against.

I SPEAK JESUS

Words and Music by Abby Benton, Carlen Prince, Dustin Smith, Jesse Reeves, Kristen Dutton, and Raina Pratt, 2019

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind.
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence, I speak Jesus.

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'till ev'ry dark addiction starts to break.
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom, I speak Jesus.

*Your Name is power, Your Name is healing, Your Name is life.
Break ev'ry stronghold, shine through the shadows, burn like a fire.*

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus over fear and all anxiety.

To ev'ry soul held captive by depression, I speak Jesus.

Shout Jesus from the mountains, and Jesus in the streets,
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy.
Jesus for my fam'ly, I speak the holy Name Jesus.

COME THOU FOUNT

Words by Robert Robinson, 1758 / Music by Asahel Nettleton, 1825

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise His name I'm fixed upon it, name of God's unchanging love.

Hither to Thy love has blessed me; Thou hast brought me to this
place; I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

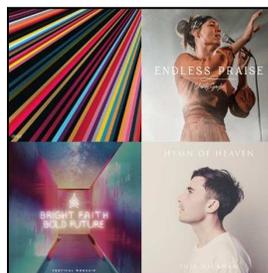
O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 136; Exodus 14:5-22; 1 John 1:1-7; John 14:1-7
MONDAY | Ps. 124; Exodus 14:21-31; 1 Peter 1:1-12; John 14:8-17
TUESDAY | Ps. 116; Exodus 15:1-21; 1 Peter 1:13-25; John 14:18-31
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 9; Ex. 15:22-16:10; 1 Peter 2:1-10; John 15:1-11
THURSDAY | Ps. 68; Ex. 16:10-22; 1 Peter 2:11-3:12; John 15:12-27
FRIDAY | Ps. 96; Exodus 16:23-36; 1 Peter 3:13-4:6; John 16:1-15
SATURDAY | Ps. 114; Ex. 17:1-16; 1 Peter 4:7-19; John 16:16-33

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, your great grace was upon the early followers and there was not a needy person among them. We confess that we often have eyes only for ourselves. Help us to be gracious in our care for one another, giving of our time and treasure with joyful hearts. We confess that, like Thomas, we sometimes doubt the testimonies about you. Give us faith to believe in your resurrection power. In all of our shortcomings, O Lord, we thank that we have an advocate in Jesus Christ, and that he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



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