



## SERMON NOTES

Week 4 March 10, 2024

**"The Good Samaritan"**

Luke 10:25-37



### I. Introduction / Review

- A. The question to ask if you are deciding whether to take Christianity seriously or not: Is Matthew, Mark, Luke or John a \_\_\_\_\_ account of actual events?
- B. Luke is not writing the \_\_\_\_\_; he is simply documenting an account of the life of Jesus.
- C. Luke says that Jesus' mission statement was "to proclaim the \_\_\_\_\_ news of the Kingdom of God."

### II. Loving Your Neighbor

- A. According to Jesus, love for God is demonstrated by love for \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. What the expert in the law is really asking is, "What is the \_\_\_\_\_ amount of neighbor-loving required to reserve a spot in God's future kingdom?"
- C. The real question that Jesus wanted the law expert to understand was "what does neighbor love look like and \_\_\_\_\_ like?"
- D. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the parable represents the "other" in our lives.

### III. The Good Samaritan Parable

- A. Jesus makes the Samaritan out to be the \_\_\_\_\_ who went the extra mile.
- B. The question in the parable really comes down to: "which of these three loved God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength by loving a \_\_\_\_\_ as himself?"
- C. Jesus was basically saying "be the \_\_\_\_\_." Neighbor love has no boundaries.

### *Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message*

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## INTRODUCTION

Jesus often taught in parables in order to make a point. And one of the most famous parables he taught was the parable of the Good Samaritan. In this parable, Jesus tells us that a Samaritan man went the extra mile to help a man who was beaten, robbed and left for dead. So what does this well-known parable mean for our own faith journeys?

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### Monday: Luke 10:25 – 11:13

The Samaritan (in Israel today he'd be a "Palestinian") in Jesus' story put the injured man on "his own donkey" (i.e., he walked), took him to an inn, cared for him, paid two days' wages, and offered to pay more if needed on his return. How did that story reflect God's vast generosity to us? How can knowing that God has been generous to you make you more generous to your neighbors?

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### Tuesday: Luke 12:8-34

Jesus spoke sadly of "those who hoard things for themselves and aren't rich toward God." His story said while we work (maybe even fight) so hard for our stuff, it does us no good when we die. Has your desire for material goods ever damaged your relationships with people or God? What helps you make sensible material plans without letting the stuff you think you "own" actually "own" you?

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### Wednesday: Luke 12:35-59

Jesus' words about bringing division rather than peace (12:51-53) may strike us as odd. Isn't Jesus "the prince of peace" (cf. Isaiah 9:6)? Yes—but he knew his kingdom's principles (including peace) were so unlike the world's that at times they'd cause division. Have family members, friends or co-workers ever misread or criticized choices rooted in your loyalty to God?

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### Thursday: Luke 13:1-30

We could call Jesus' story (13:6-9) "The Unfinished Parable." The gardener pleaded for one more year to help the tree bear fruit - but Jesus never said if the tree responded or not. Verse 13:5 showed what kind of "fruit-bearing" was on his mind. What about you: how will you finish the unfinished parable?

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### Friday: Luke 13:31 – 14:24

Have you ever known (maybe even been) a person like the ones Jesus noticed who aggressively "sought out the best seats at the table"? In what ways can that attitude show itself in school, the workplace, family, even church? What's the difference between healthy boldness to make your gifts available to bless others and the kind of self-promotion Jesus warned against?

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## MOVING FORWARD

Many people of faith practice vertical Christianity: as long as I'm good with God it doesn't matter how I treat other people. But that's not what Jesus tells us. Jesus tells us that love for God is demonstrated by love for others. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus is basically saying "be the Samaritan," neighbor love has no boundaries.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) reliable, B) Bible, C) good. IIA) others, B) minimum, IIC) act, D) Samaritan. IIIA) hero, B) stranger, C) Samaritan.*