

START

Let's all take a moment and introduce ourselves, then break the ice and dream a little.

Q: If your life story became a movie, what actor would you want to play your part?

SHARE

The Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-37 (Read Aloud)

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
 26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'[a]; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" 37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Would you say there are any similarities between how we act today and how the priest and Levite acted?

What are the ways we commonly talk ourselves out of helping someone else?

What did it cost the Samaritan to help that man? Look at each aspect of his involvement, and really consider what it cost him.

Has there been anyone in your life who helped you when you were in need? Share that story and why it impacted you so much.

 GROW

In the message this week, Shawn mentioned the importance of not being “self-focused” but “others-focused” and how difficult that can be to do. Read the following passage and think about what made Jesus’ love so powerful in people’s lives.

John 13:34-35

34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

What is one thing that makes it difficult for you to “Love one another”?

What part of your life do you think God would have you change, if you were to actually dedicate some time to reaching out to hurting people?

 MOVEMENT

Now that we have taken some time to reflect on what Jesus said about helping those in need and loving others, how can we move toward actually doing that this week? Take this question home with you or talk about it in the car and pray about how God could use you:

If you choose to take a risk, is there someone who could use your help this week?

 PRAY

Celebrate the growth you have experienced this session together – spiritually and relationally. Take a moment and see how you could pray for each other this week or if anyone has an important need to be met.

How can we pray for you this week?