

The True Neighbor

Luke 10:25-37

Learn

1. Read Luke 10:25-37. What changed in your understanding of this parable? How were you challenged?
2. How does Christ use the context, setting, background, and culture reflected in the parable to reach within human hearts?
3. What is the main message that Christ gives in the parable about His kingdom or aspects of it?
4. How is Christ revealed in the parable of the Good Samaritan?

Practice

1. In what ways does the parable search our hearts and lives and expose what is in them, and guide us into the knowledge of Christ and his kingdom?
2. Imagine a fellow Christian telling you about someone they can't imagine loving, serving, praying for, or loving as themselves. What are examples of people and/or reasons they would give to not demonstrate those things? Practice with each other how you would walk that person through the Gospel to reflect on what God has done for them.
3. What opportunities are around you to display gospel mercy in your life where you have yet to do so?

Video: "[Justification: Final and Irreversible](#)" by Sinclair Ferguson (6:41) (*The lawyer in the parable was looking for a way to justify himself which reminds us that there is nothing we can do to contribute to this.*)

Change

Some questions to ask ourselves:

- Have I come to an end of myself and see myself like the half-dead man in the parable, or do I see myself like the lawyer?
- What kind of neighbor are you? Identify the people with needs around you (not just strangers on the street), but consider others in your Small Group, at Doxa, your workplace, family, neighborhood, etc. - are you offering to stop and help, or are you making excuses and "passing them by?" What needs to change? What do you believe?
- As you reflect on what needs to change, what hope do we find as you focus on Christ?