

OPEN

What would prevent you from stopping to render aid to someone in need? If nothing, what might stop others?

LUKE 10:25-37

²⁵ Then an expert in the law stood up to test him, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the law?” he asked him. “How do you read it?”

²⁷ He answered, “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind;**” and “**your neighbor as yourself.**”

²⁸ “You’ve answered correctly,” he told him. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus took up the question and said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him up, and fled, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down that road. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² In the same way, a Levite, when he arrived at the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

³³ But a Samaritan on his journey came up to him, and when he saw the man, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring

on olive oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day^[a] he took out two denarii,^[b] gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him. When I come back I’ll reimburse you for whatever extra you spend.’

³⁶ “Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?”

³⁷ “The one who showed mercy to him,” he said.

Then Jesus told him, “Go and do the same.”

DISCOVER (Luke 10:25-37)

Parables take earthly examples to teach lessons about God’s kingdom. First, always seek to identify what’s what in the story Jesus tells.

What do you think prevented the two religious people from stopping to render aid to this poor man?

Is the Samaritan a Jew or Gentile, what difference does this make, if any?

DEEPEN

Parables have something to teach us about the Kingdom of Heaven

How might the Samaritan reflect Jesus and what He has done for us?

How generous was the Samaritan to the person in need? What makes this kind of generosity so hard these days?

DELIVER

As we engage the Living Word, there is always an opportunity for us to move forward with an application from the reading.

In what way do you hope the Holy Spirit would transform you through this parable?

When someone is in desperate need, what makes it so hard for us to see the person below the problem?

Has anyone ever risked anything to step into your life and help you out? What did it feel like?

PRAY

Pray for people in need of employment, treatment for mental health issues, those who have suffered abuse, and any others that come to your mind.

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“Lord, in your mercy ... hear our pray.”

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